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Hamilton drops in the rankings

Despite demonstrating improvements in selectivity, average SAT scores, U.S. News and World Report ranks College 25th

By Kristen Webber '00 and Kathy Webber '00
NEWS STAFF WRITERS

According to *U.S News and World Report's* annual ranking of the Nation's best colleges released this past week, Hamilton has dropped from 23rd to 25th place among small colleges.

The importance of these rankings in measuring the quality of education at a particular school is debatable, but few disagree that rankings are important for publicity purposes.

"I don't feel the drop in rankings is a reflection on the College in any way," said President Eugene M. Tobin. "But there is no question that the rankings are the reality for people unfamiliar with Hamilton College."

According to several College officials, the rankings are deceiving. By several accounts Hamilton has actually improved in several measurable catagories since the last ranking.

In the last three years, the selectivity of the college has increased from 51 percent acceptance to 44 percent. Another area of improvement is in our retention rate, the number of students who graduate from the college.

"The College is doing extremely well," said Tobin. "The quality of recent classes speaks for itself."

Tobin emphasized the fact that the college is becoming more attractive to perspective students, a trend indicated by the record number of applicants for the Class of 2000. This is also supported by the fact that the yield, the number of people who enroll in the college, also increased. The result has been the that the class of 2000 is one of the largest ever, with more than 500 students.

The long term effects of the drop in rankings is fairly inconsequential, according to Tobin. The important thing, he said, is to be on the list as one of the top twenty-five liberal arts colleges in the nation.

"The competition out there is fierce," said Tobin. "Hamilton should be proud to be in contention with other great schools."

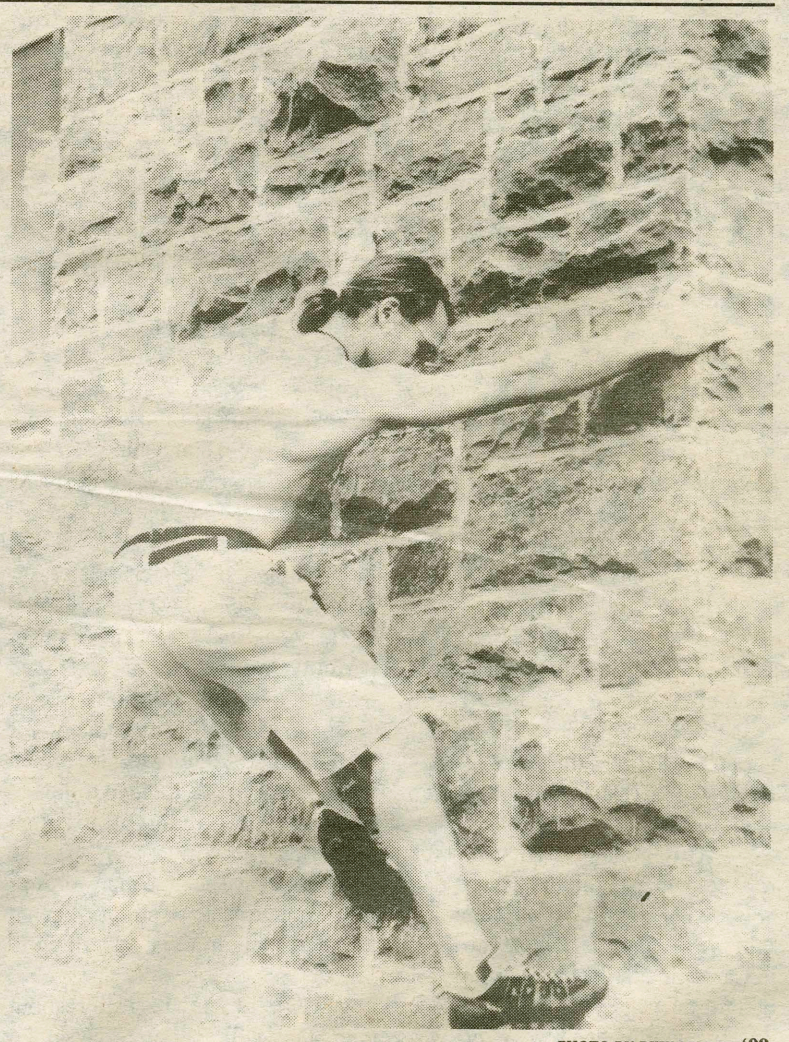
Some of the reasons for the drop were explained by Director of Communications, Mike DeBraggio. He concluded that one reason for the drop in rankings was that Barnard College made a big leap in the rankings, subsequently knocking Hamilton out of the position it held last year.

Tobin feels that these rankings are not to be dwelled upon. Instead he would like to concentrate on the larger picture and the fact that the college has made positive leaps in many areas.

Furthermore, Hamilton was close to the top of the list in terms of available financial resources. This is important because it allows the college to renovate and to improve itself, as well as to sponsor student-run activities.

Tobin is not disappointed with this new position but rather optimistic. He feels that there is a trend of improvement that been started in the last few years, and he is hopeful that it will continue. According to Tobin, the Class of 2000 has the best SAT scores by 50 points over previous years, and also has the best class ranking in an admitted class since 1989. He is proud of these accomplishments and expects that the upward trend will continue in years to come.

"It is inconsequential whether or not we are 23rd or 25th," said Tobin. He feels that if there is an area in which we are weak, it is in the promotion of the faculty's reputation.



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Broxton Bird '99 scales the side of Benedict Hall on Wednesday afternoon. The nice weather over the past week has lured students outside. The forecast for the coming week is not as nice. Temperatures will hover at 65 degrees with rain and cloudy skies.

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Diner equivalency decreased

By Joe Willett '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Other than the new rocks on campus, returning Hamilton students noticed a significant change in the equivalency policies of the Diner. Students expressed concern and frustration about the lower equivalency for all three meals, as well as its new posted hours for obtaining equivalency.

The Bon Appetit Management has set equivalencies at $2.50 for lunch and $4.00 for dinner, lower than last year's Diner equivalency of $4.00 for lunch and $5.00 for dinner. The hours when students can obtain equivalency includes neither a lunch period from 2-4 p.m., nor a dinner period from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Jason Newmark '98, a former

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Student Activities fee instituted

By David H. Townsend '97
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After much discussion, the Trustees of Hamilton College unanimously approved a $50 per student activities fee during their June meeting.

Every full-time enrolled student will be subject to the $50 fee. This will exclude students who are studying abroad.

The idea behind the fee is that it will allow Student Assembly not only to allocate more funds for student groups, but also more flexibility in how they allocate the funds.

Andrew Edelson '97, President of the Student Assembly, has worked for a year-and-a-half in order to institute the fee, and is pleased now that it has become a reality.

"I think it's a good thing, it will allow us to do some things that we were unable to do in the past," he said.

According to Edelson, the extra funding will allow the Student Assembly to increase funding for organizations recognized by them, and also allow the Student Assembly to consider funding for organizations not officially recognized.

"There will hopefully be a pool that any member of the Hamilton Community will be able to draw from for worthy projects," Edelson said.

In addition, Edelson says the fee will allow the Assembly to do some long term planning. The revenue from the fee is supposed to be set up in a roll over account, meaning that any surplus at the end of the year could be put towards the next year.

The Student Assembly's account is currently closed at the end of the year and any surplus is put back into the school's budget.

"This set-up allows us to plan for fall in the spring and even years in advance for big expense endeavors," said Edelson. "It also gives us an incentive to save."

As of now, the roll-over account has not been set up. The decision to impose the fee was reached after extensive research of schools that were seen as comparable to Hamilton. The average allocation for student groups at such schools was approximately $320,000. The Residential Life decision also called for consideration of such a fee.

Since this is the pilot year for the fee, there have been some snags in its implementation, in addition to the failure to set up a roll-over account .

If everything goes as planned, the fee will generate an extra $160,000, in addition to the $140,000 already allocated from the school budget, for a total of $300,000 for the Student Activities budget. However, the Assembly will experience a cut of $80,000 this year in their allocation from the College budget. The cut is necessary to cover the cost of the fee for students on financial aid. In effect, the Student Assembly will receive $220,000, an increase in funding of $80,000.

In response to these problems,

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Study uncovers glitches in campus maintenance system

By Sam Evans '00
AOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Damages that befall Hamilton's dormitories are an expensive campus adversary. Last year alone, estimated total damage costs exceeded $100,000, according to a Physical Plant official - more than twice the amount caused during the 1994-1995 academic year.

But some students have expressed discontent with Physical Plant's repair services. The former residents of room 301 in Carnegie were charged $70 last year for various damages, particularly a bathroom covered in graffiti. And the graffiti is still there, marring the walls of the current residents' personal facilities.

"If this is what they want to do with their bathroom, that's fine, but it should be cleaned up for us," said junior Ben Mintz, who is currently living in Carnegie 301. "What angers us is not just that they haven't fixed it, but that nobody has even contacted us."

"We don't mind getting charged for the damages, but its absurd that nobody has done anything about it," said Joe Disalazar, a junior who lived in Carnegie 301 last year. I just feel bad for the guys who live there."

In addition, one sophomore was charged $150 for installing a pull-up bar in his room, and the damages have yet to be repaired.

The current system for repairing such damages involves many communicative steps. Resident Advisors inventory every room at the beginning and at the end of each year, and submit damage or repair forms to the Department of Residential Life. The Department of Residential Life then files a work order with Physical Plant, and sends the students who caused the damages either an exact bill or an estimated cost for the repairs, according to Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, dean of Residential Life.

"When we submit work orders to the Physical Plant, we expect and assume that this work will be completed," said Kantrowitz. "But with 21 residence halls, it can be a little overwhelmed by all this information."

"These things get on the work order schedule, and they get done as soon as possible," said Art Jewitt, Director of Physical Plant. The present work order system doesn't give us much flexibility, so we're switching to a computer system for itemized reports. The new work order system will give better efficiency to the system."

"I do feel encouraged by the new administrative system," said Kantrowitz. "This will finally give us a chance to get information from the plant in a coherent and systematic way. They should let us know if they are backlogged so that we can get back to the students."

But there have been other cases in which students have been charged for services that were either never performed, or delayed for extended periods of time. Physical Plant charged junior Will Kinsella $40 for two keys that he claims to have turned in. He also claims to have followed his unnecessary billing with a written note, but to no avail.

There have been so many dormitory damages that we simply can not fix everything in time, according to Jewitt.

"If we're knowledgeable about them, they will get done," he said.

It is indeed a formidable task to undertake all of the responsibilities that accompany a position governing all of the school's custodial needs. Since there have been so many damages over the last year, and with new reports constantly trickling in, there is bound to be a gap between the time when damages are reported and when they are actually fixed. According to Jewett, Physical Plant is and has been swamped for the past months, creating a three to four week wait for most work orders to be acted upon.

"In general, they have to prioritize what they need to do," said Yully Cha, resident advisor on the third floor of Carnegie. "They also have to deal with the fact that new damages are happening all the time. Nothing occurs as fast as we want it to, its just a matter of patience."

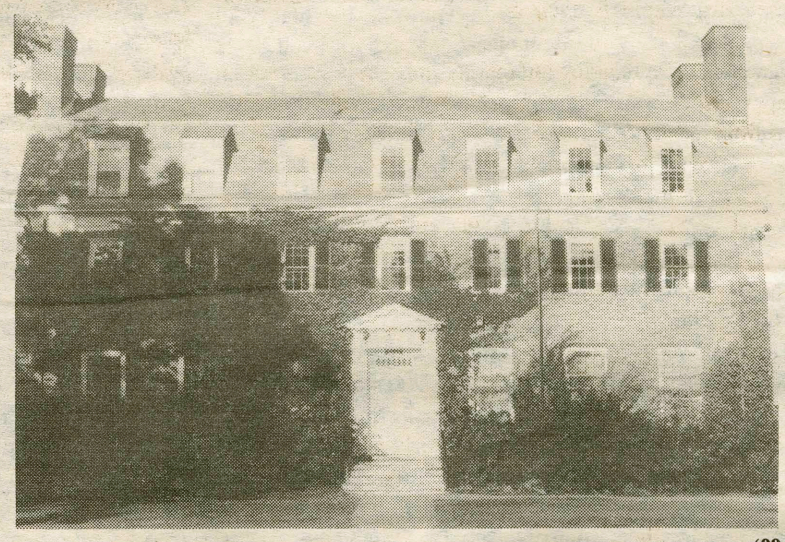
Alpha Delta Phi fraternity suspended

By Joann Pailey '99
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The brothers of Alpha Delta Phi were not as excited as other Hamilton students to return to the Hill this Fall. This dissatisfaction with the College is a direct result of the fraternity's recent suspension. Alpha Delta Phi lost recognition last Spring after briefly utilizing their fraternity house during Senior week. They were charged with violating policies established by the Residential Life Decision of 1995.

College policy, as explicitly expressed in the "Private Society Relationship Statement" of the Policies and Procedures section of the Hamilton Student Handbook, states that "Hamilton students are prohibited from using houses owned or leased by private societies as residences, taking meals in such houses and participating in social activities at such houses."

Prior to their occupation of the house, Mark Richardson, President of the Alpha Delta Phi Board of Trustees, contacted President Eugene M. Tobin, requesting use of the house during Senior week. President Tobin reminded Richardson of the College's policy, but finally granted permission for the use of the house as sleeping accommodations on the night of Monday, May 13th. Apparently, there were students who did not have a place to stay since the residence halls were closed at the conclusion of finals. The college claims that permission was given on a highly restricted basis, and those entering the house on the evening of the 13th were to be vacated by the following morning and must find an alternative residence for the remainder of the week. Richardson also spoke with Director of Student Activities Beverly Low, and requested that the house be briefly available for chapter officers to meet with Alumni leadership on Thursday, May 16th. This was under the stipulation that undergraduates would not be present.



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The Alpha Delta Phi House has remained vacant since the Residential Life Decision of March 1995.

In late May, Alpha Delta Phi President Marc Lingnau received a letter from the College stating that the fraternity would not be recognized by the College for the Fall '96-'97 semester, and that all priviledges of a recognized student organization would be revoked. Lingnau believes that his fraternity was not in violation the College's policy. According to Lingnau, Tobin gave the fraternity permission to utilize the house for an alumni sponsored event. Brothers, which included current Hamilton students, Hamilton alumni, and even Hamilton Trustees, occupied their house on Monday, May 13th and Thursday, May 16th during Senior week, as they had been given permission.

Lingnau says he does not see where there was see a violation of college policy.

"The Res. Life Decision was primarily established because all students were not given a fair housing option," he said. "We used the house after the academic year was over. The people who were there were not allowed to live in their own rooms since school was over."

Neither Tobin, nor the Associate Dean of Students Nancy Thompson desired to make a formal statement regarding the issue. However, they both stressed that any permission that was given was for a brief period of time, and it was not their intention to allow Alpha Delta Phi to use their house for initiation purposes. Lingnau stresses Alpha Delta Phi did, infact, go through the proper channels, and that members utilized the house only after they had received permission from the administration.

Neither party is willing to back down as both the college and the fraternity believe they made their intentions clear. Alpha Delta Phi Treasurer Tom Fusonie commented, "It's ironic that this liberal arts school, which prides itself on such liberalism, is not very democratic."

If AD does not jeopardize their standing with the College, they should retain recognition in January.

Funds from new fee to be put in roll-over account

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Edelson says, "I will continue to work with Bill Kemp, the Comptroller and Vice President Dan O'Leary to accomplish the goals of the Student Assembly."

When asked what the probability is of getting the new funds into a roll over account, O'Leary said, "The chances are fairly good. The willingness is there, it is simply an accounting matter at this point."

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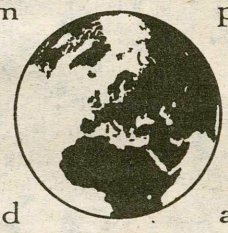

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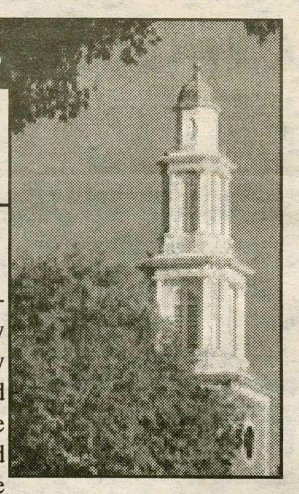


WVU first-years get mouthful

First year students at West Virginia University were faced with a formidable task as they received their first assignment in a introductory engineering course. Professor Bill Miller asked the 45 students to design small cars that were capable of rolling down an incline, which seemed easy enough until they discovered it must be edible as well.

The students created many interesting and imaginative vehicles, such as a bell pepper with pepperoni for wheels or a block of sharp cheddar cheese with Oreos to keep it rolling. Many of the students found similarities between their creations and the real thing. "It's patterned after a Lamborghini Diablo," Brent Criser said of his cheddar car.

Miller said that the students where graded on the cars' design, speed and inventiveness. The professor also added, if any student could not consume their cars a day after the run down the hill, he or she would not receive a grade. Bon appetit!

KSU Greeks bump, set and spike for charity

Last Saturday, two fraternities at Kansas State University sponsored the Beach Bash in order to raise money to benefit Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Manhattan, Inc.

The event started promptly at 9 a.m. and included in the schedule were volleyball, horseshoes, tug of war, an obstacle course, inner-tube races, canoe races and a party following the K-State vs. Indiana State football game. Involved in the Beach Bash were 10 different fraternities and sororities from KSU which hoped to raise as much as last year's total of $4,000 or more.

"There's an entry fee of $75 for each team," said Seth Hayden, a junior Business Major and Philanthropy Chair for the Pike house. "Plus, sponsors pay $50, and we get all the money from T-shirt sales."

Little cost was involved in running the event as well. "We get into the beach for free, and we have a radio station that is donating time," said Hayden. "Plus, Lucky's (a local bar for the after party) and Bombers are letting us use their facilities."

At 7:30 that evening, Bombers was to have a Beauty and the Beach contest which was to feature members of the sororities involved in the Beach Bash. Let's hope that they were successful.

Is Chelsea headed towards Brown?

Last month, as most prospective high school seniors will do, Chelsea Clinton did a little bit of late summer college hunting along the eastern seaboard. Accompanied by First Lady Hillary Clinton, Chelsea visited a long list of schools including Harvard, Cornell and Amherst. But, some speculate that Brown, the much forgotten Ivy league school that sits in Rhode Island, is her first choice.

Chelsea would be among a long list of children of Democratic leaders to attend Brown University. Among others who have matriculated at Brown are John F. Kennedy Jr. '83 and Amy Carter, who did not graduate.

On August 6, Chelsea and Hillary Clinton attended a Brown information session and then embarked on a campus tour with 30 other prospective students and parents.

"I was impressed because they didn't want any favors," said Marlene Schechter, Admissions Office front desk receptionist. "As V.I.P.'s they could have done something special, but Chelsea doesn't want anything different from any other young student...She's the most wonderful young lady."

Hey Chelsea, watch out, the admissions process is real tough. I'm sure you'll have a real hard time getting in. Did you forget about Hamilton? It's in Clinton.

Tar Heel in '96

UNC senior Rifkin Young will hopefully be working in Washington D.C. after he graduates next summer. No, he doesn't want to be interning for a congressman, he wants to be a congressman. Rifkin, who in the past said that politicians never seemed to address the issues he felt were important, will be running for the House of Representatives in the November elections on the Natural Law Party ticket.

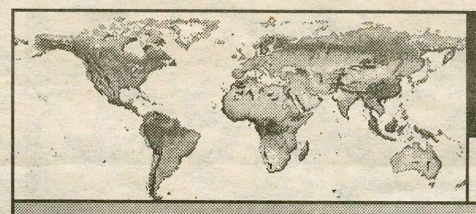
"People my age have a lot of anxiety about politics," Young commented. "They feel left out of the whole picture."

Young was uneasy at first about joining the race. "They needed someone to run in the 24th District," he said. "I was kind of hesitant because I didn't know if I could handle the responsibility." But visits to Washington D.C. and Charlottesville, VA, home of Thomas Jefferson, on a family trip quickly made up his mind.

In most people's opinions, he really doesn't stand a chance. He will be running alongside longtime Democratic incumbents Anne Barnes and Joe Hackney and Republican challengers Dan Buedel and Tracy Fowler.

Young hopes that although he most likely will not win, the major party candidates will listen to his party's concerns. He hopes to make the the proposed nuclear waste dump on the Wake-Chatham County border a primary issue in the race. Young pointed out that the proposed nuclear waste site had been determined environmentally inappropriate.

So far, Young hasn't done much campaigning, only among his friends. "They want me to get bumper stickers."



WORLD NEWS

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Hungary's new trade minister focuses on exports; trade secretary resigns

BUDAPEST — Hungary's new Industry and Trade Minister, Tamas Suchman, said he plans to promote exports and work with businesses, OMRI reported Monday.

Hungarian President Arpad Goncz appointed Suchman, 42, Friday to replace Imre Dunai, who resigned in August.

Suchman, who had been in charge of privatization as a minister without portfolio, will continue to oversee the sell-off of state property. He is a member of the Hungarian Socialist Party.

The appointment came just before Attila Soos Karoly, state secretary at the Industry and Trade Ministry, announced his resignation.

Soos Karoly, a member of the Alliance of Free Democrats, explained the move as the result of frustration and political differences. A number of political changes within the ministry has made work nearly impossible to finish, he said, adding that he and Suchman would be likely to clash on policy issues.

Swiss still banking billions in Nazi gold

Secretive Swiss bankers faced demands today to right a war crime and return tons of gold looted by the Nazis.

The demands over the wartime gold came after an official British government report revealed that of £366 million (now worth £4.6 billion) seized across Europe by Hitler, only a small proportion was ever recovered and paid back as restitution.

This afternoon, Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind published a report based on a search of London's archives on the largely unsuccessful hunt for the gold, witholding what officials say are a small number of documents from the intelligence services which would reveal sensitive operational matters or names of agents.

It shows that £366 million worth of gold was plundered, twice what many believed, with Swiss negotiators letting slip in a private meeting at the end of the war that as much as £333 million worth of gold originating in Germany had been held in its banks.

Only 250 million Swiss Francs - significantly less than the £86 million requested by the Allies - was paid out and distributed to the countries who had suffered most.

Individuals were left to pursue their own claims. Other non-gold German assets in Switzerland were split 50-50 with the Swiss.

Labour MP Greville Janner, who wrote to Rifkind and Defense Secretary Michael Portillo in June asking them to search British files for details of the deal then done with the Swiss, said today it showed the need for urgent action to return the stolen gold.

"The Swiss, from the report, clearly behaved in a thoroughly unworthy way during the war. We call on them to take action now to help seek justice. The Swiss have a responsibility now."

The report answered many questions but posed many more which he would pursue with the government who would be asked to help trace where the Nazi gold was today, he said.

Author Frederick Forsyth, whose Seventies novel The Odessa File was written after he researched the Nazi transfer of looted gold, said today: "There is a large gap between the amounts the Allies are now saying was deposited and the amount the Swiss have disgorged. The question now has to be what happened to the rest?

"I suspect it remains under the streets of Zurich and the bankers are going to keep shtum."

He warned: "It all happened a long time ago now. The trail has gone cold and the personal participants are dead. It would be very hard now to prove the existence of ingots or convoys of gold."

Some of the looted Nazi gold is even rumoured to have found its way to the vaults of the Bank of England and there are fears that millions may have just vanished into the pockets of fleeing war criminals and to secret Nazi sympathizers.

The report says Britain and her Allies knew that large amounts of melted-down gold, restamped with the Reichsbank symbol to make it untraceable, was exported to neutral countries such as Switzerland to pay for goods and foreign exchange.

They also suspected that the Nazi regime used these channels to conceal looted gold and other property.

Michael Jackson calms fans as shop window smashes

BUDAPEST — Michael Jackson begged his over-excited fans on Monday to move back after they smashed a record shop window in downtown Budapest as they tried to get close to him.

Jackson was coming out of the shop after spending an hour inside buying CDs when the window gave way in the crush.

A worried Jackson climbed on his car and gestured to his screaming fans to get away from the glass, pieces of which continued to fall onto the pavement.

No one was hurt in the incident

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NATIONAL NEWS

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Forbes' Top 40 in entertainment

Forbes magazine has been tracking incomes of the world's top-paid stars since 1987, and it's been an impressive bull market. The price of celebrity has never been higher. Is it because the stars are handsomer, sing louder, act more impressively or crack funnier jokes? Of course not. It's the technology.

When the VCR came along, it almost doubled the potential revenue from a movie. With satellite dishes now in the most remote Asian villages, the potential audience swells enormously. The outlets for popular entertainment include CDs, multichannel cable systems, digital videodisks, enhanced CDs that offer viewers video clips and interviews with stars—and, now, Web sites.

The demand for content to fill the proliferating distribution channels grows almost exponentially. "There aren't many names available to fill a lot of competing slots," says James Wiatt, president and co-chief executive at Beverly Hills-based ICM.

A decade ago the top salary for a Hollywood actor was about $5 million. Today it's more like $20 million. A hot new rock band at the center of a bidding war can fetch $600,000 for delivery of a record—four times what it would have gotten in 1987. Top television writers have seen their pay jump more than 250% since the late eighties.

One day, perhaps, the supply of popular entertainment may overwhelm demand (Forbes, Apr. 22), but it hasn't happened yet. "It's a trend that has not ended," adds Richard Lovett, president of CAA, Hollywood's leading talent agency. "There is such a hunger for movie stars."

Bill Monroe, father of bluegrass, dead at 84

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Bill Monroe, who combined fast-picking mandolin, banjo and guitar with a "high lonesome" singing style to create the distinctly American sound known as bluegrass, died Monday. He was 84.

The father of bluegrass died at a hospice in Springfield after suffering a stroke earlier this year.

Monroe influenced bluegrass legends like Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, as well as newer stars, such as Ricky Skaggs and Alison Krauss.

As a singer, songwriter and instrumentalist, Monroe was a headliner around the world and was honored at the White House. He sold more than 50 million records and remained active well into his 80s.

Monroe could play most of the string instruments but was best known as a mandolinist. While performing, he nearly always wore a coat and tie, with a white cowboy hat crowning his silver hair.

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Mr. Andrews unveils the ocean floor map that was dedicated in the memory of his son, Jim, class of '88. The dedication ceremony took place on Thursday afternoon in the Science Building.

College ready to finalize Chi Psi Lodge purchase

By Aylwin Chick '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Chi Psi Fraternity House may soon become a feature of Hamilton life once more, as the College is presently in the process of buying it. The building has lain empty for over a year, since the controversial Residential Life Decision effectively removed the Fraternities from their respective houses at the beginning of the 1995-96 academic year.

The house, which is situated on the south side of College Hill Road, between the Admissions Office and the seemingly remote Bundy Residence Hall, is currently owned by the Alumni Corporation. However, according to College Vice President, Daniel O'Leary, who is concerned in particular with the finance and administration of the College, the College Board of Trustees has signed a contract to purchase the house from the Chi Psi alumni.

The Chi Psi graduates, who number between six and eight hundred, will be polled as to the future of their former residence and if a majority consents, the deed of the house will pass to the Board of Trustees. Vice President O'Leary believes that the deal should be closed within the next couple of months.

The exact nature of the future of the house has yet to be decided. Although there is a possibility of the house being converted to classrooms or faculty housing, O'Leary suggests that it will more than likely be used as a student residence hall, for which it was originally designed. This would alleviate some of the pressure which campus residence facilities have keenly felt since term began, and bring more students back to live on the Hill, as opposed to living in Clinton itself. If this is the case, the house would be renovated over the coming year and would be ready for action at the start of the 1997-98 academic year.

However, this decision ultimately rests with the College's Board of Trustees. If the deal is successfully completed, it is expected that at their October meeting, based on recommendations by the administration, which includes President Tobin and Vice President O'Leary, a final decision will be made.

Equivalency buys less for surprised students

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employee of the Diner, summed up his feelings on the situation by comparing the present equivalency policy to years past. "I worked [at the Diner] my freshman and sophomore years. My freshman year the equivalency was as low as it is now; however, the difference was that the prices somewhat matched this lower equivalency. This plan was scrapped. The new policy is even worse because the prices aren't comparable with current student equivalency."

"Apparently they thought we were getting too much food. You can't even get a whole meal. I came to the Diner at five after nine and I could not get dinner. They didn't tell anybody about the new hours. If you can't make dinner, then that's the reason why you go to the Diner. Obviously the Diner cannot compare with the amount of food one can get at the dining halls, but right now it's not even close," added Frank Hillman '98.

"My equivalency gets me three pieces of bologna, an ice cube, and two napkins," commented Newmark.

"It's an outrage, I can't even get chicken fingers," stated Matt Markowski '98.

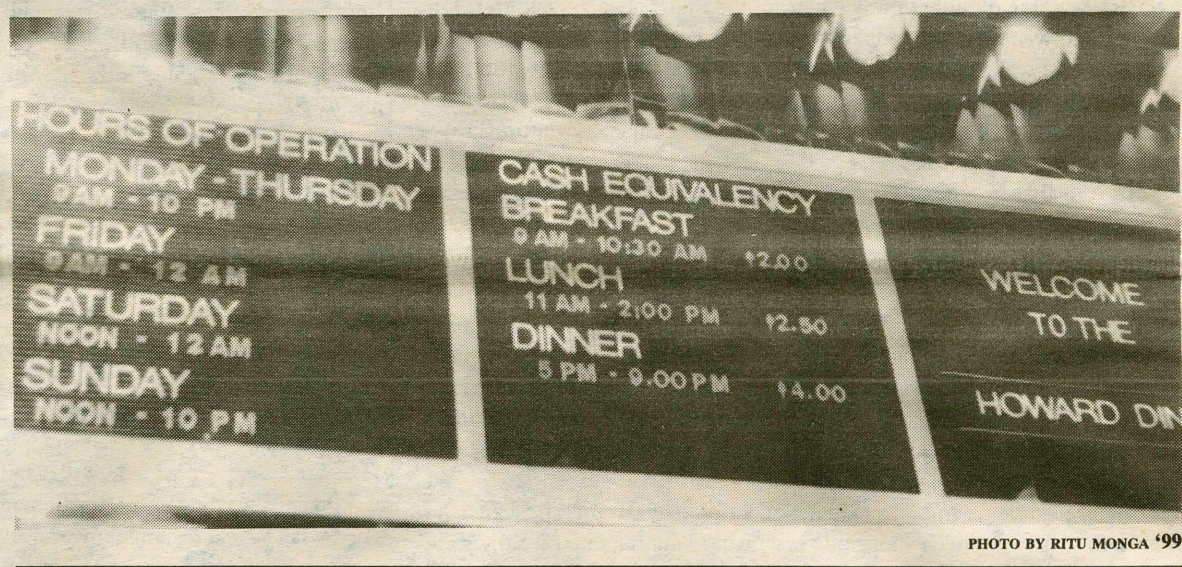
Headed by Joe Cappa, the Bon Appetit Management developed the '96-'97 policy based upon last years statistics. These statistics included the times students came to use the Diner and the number of students who used the Diner during those specific times. The relation of student flow in the Diner to specific times of the day helped Cappa set the equivalency hours for the present academic year. " From 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. we received about eight students a day, about five hundred every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., three hundred on Tuesday and Thursdays at the same time, and another couple hundred from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. From 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., the highest number of students we received was fourteen."

Bon Appetit based its equivalency amounts upon the consumer choices of Hamilton students. "I don't make any money if a student does not take a meal at the dining halls. I can't cut back on staff. We set up the equivalencies so that students could get a meal, a meal based upon wholesale prices for that food. The problem arose when students used their equiovalencies to buy five Snapples (a convenience item) at the 'break even' wholesale prices set for regular food items like burgers and fries. I lose money when this happens. Last year I sold 7,200 Snapples a week, that's about one Snapple a day for everyone on the meal plan. The problem is that the Diner was being used as a place to buy groceries, not regular meals."

Cappa also cites the opening of the Little Pub last spring and the dining hall breakfasts, beginning at 7:30 a.m., as other grounds for establishing this year's equivalency hours. "The Pub was another social space and took away the late crowd. The 7:30 breakfast drew off some of the Diner's morning crowd," states Cappa. Cappa acknowledges the problems with using last year's stats for this year's equivalency hours," People have new schedules this year, there's a new, larger freshman class, and the dining hall times conflict with some of the students' athletic commitments."

But many students feel that they are being ripped off by the Diner."It's annoying. I only get two dollars for breakfast," says Julie Blair '98. "It's now almost pointless to go to the Diner over the dining halls," comments Isabel Barrow '98.

In light of similar student comments, Joe Cappa and Bon Appetit will release a memorandum to the Hamilton student body concerning equivalency hours and amounts, which will be effective on 9/13. In the memorandum, Bon Appetit pledges to address the equivalency issue by offering a variey of combo meals and two daily hot specials. The hours will change as well. Breakfast equivalency will run from 9-11 a.m., Lunch from 1-4 p.m., and dinner from 4-10 p.m. This equivalency is only for hot food. Students may still but beverages, but from 9-11 a.m. and 4-10 p.m. only.



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There will be an
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Hamilton College Academic Year in Spain
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Date: Wednesday, October 2

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Place: Christian Johnson, 225

Professor Jeremy Medina, General Director, HCAYS, and former HCAYS participants will be present to help answer your questions, and the program video will be shown

See you there!

We will also discuss the SIHS (summer) program

Housing snafu narrowly averted

New rooms created from common areas for first-years

By Brian Giacometti '99
NEWS STAFF WRITER

After a long summer of beautiful weather and money-making, high school friends and road trips to the beach, returning to the Hill ain't exactly Christmas. But, there is still the secret anticipation that we all have to open our new door, and lie down on our new bed.

One problem. Some members of the Class of 2000 didn't have that door, or that bed from which to remember warmer days and hopefully create some new ones. Luckily, this minor miscalculation was nipped in the bud.

Twenty-five more first year students showed up this August than Admissions estimated last spring. Despite all the problems caused, this compliment to the quality and reputation of Hamilton can not be overlooked. More students than expected is far better than fewer students.

Now, for the Residential Life Office, this incident created a true problem. No one wanted to repeat the Bristol incident that the class of 1999 had to endure. One of the first solutions suggested to Res. Life was to create current doubles into triples and triples into quads, yet this notion wasn't on the table for long. Tim Kress, Area Coordinator, didn't think too highly of that idea, "The accepted norm at other colleges is to not make that decision." Kress also commented on the absurd living condition that those students would have had to bear. "There were better options."

Top college officials made it crystal clear that certain living areas would have to be renovated, the only question was "which ones?" The lower-level of Dunham was an obvious choice, closing off certain lounge areas and adding phone wires and new furniture. This change was not as noticeable due to the surrounding rooms already existing down there.

Speaking of down there....another name that came up was Bundy. Allowing the first years to become accustomed to the walk pretty early, a six-man was installed in a former Bundy lounge. As for the most frequently-asked question,

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"Don't they want to be around other first-years?", those removed students are on the top of the list to move if they so desire. In other words, they take precedence over any Res. Life request, with the exception of those common sense dictates to be more severe - like escaping a roommate who looks forward to cleaning his knife every night and has renamed his pillow after you.

Another problem that added to the mess was brought on by first-years neglecting to hand in their rooming requests until months after the deadline. This created a deficit between the incoming freshman class and the freshman housed. When the forms finally arrived, last minute solutions, such as Keehn, were activated.

Of course, Res. Life doesn't try to create more "dormitories", a word implying only a place to sleep, they create "Residential Halls", an area to live in for a year. This required brand new furniture, resembling the fine works of art found in South, phone wiring, and recognition as a room, and not a closet.

The dark-side also installed their versions of the Fishbowl in the old first floor study lounges. These rooms are even larger than an average dark-side double, not that the residents would know it: "I didn't look at another room for a week, I didn't see what the big deal was." said first-year Meghan Peachey, who lives in the newly created "dark-side fishbowl" with roommate Liz Friesell.

Any complaints? "It took a week to hook up the phone and it's incredibly hot because we're right on top of the boiler room." I have a feeling that they won't be complaining come December.

Aside from heat, they have no complaints, nor do the numerous people who drop by to check out the room for themselves. "It's like window shopping, except we display people."

So is this a new trend, last minute house-hunting due to an surplus student population? While the long-term goal of Res. Life is to make the campus 100% residential, the current Hamilton is only thinking about next year. Yet, a stranger to the Hill would be baffled at our plight. A housing crunch on a campus with several empty buildings? Can anyone put two and two together?

The latest with that situation is: yes, the Delta Upsilon house is now owned by the college, as is TDX, but the cost of renovation is so great that any future plans are undetermined. The lack of the use of this extra building is a tragedy, but one that financial obligations deems necessary.

Dunham is also on the prime list of fixer-uppers, thank God, but Hamilton could quite possibly be over-looking the most valuable investment: a system of underground tunnels complete with an escalator from Bundy. Laugh now, but it'll be in all of your heads come the freeze.

Successful beginning to new year for Student Assembly

By Paige Whittaker '98
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Central Council of the Student Assembly gathered for the first time of the '96-'97 academic school year on Sunday, September 8th. While munching over bagels and fruit, the delegates passed the first set of Bylaws of the Central Council, chose semester projects, and elected persons to chair the committees in charge of each semester project.

Bylaws of the Central Council

Led by Student Assembly President Andrew Edelson and Vice President Ivan Kasanof, the Central Council reviewed and passed unanimously each of the eleven articles of the Bylaws of the Central Council. The articles outlined 1) the obligations of the members of the Central Council Members, 2) the format of Central Council meetings, 3) established who comprises the Executive Committee, 4) an attendance policy, 5) election codes, 6) rules for contesting an election, 7) the process to follow a loss of office, 8) rules concerning members and project committees, 9) funding in the Student Assembly, 10) obligations of specific positions, and 11) Constitutional questions. For anyone interested in Central Council, open meetings are held at 9pm Monday nights in the basement of Bristol.

Special Committees

The meeting on September 8th also established the semester long ad hoc committees to which the Central Council has committed themselves. In past years, the Council has traditionally chosen three ad hoc projects for each semester, but given the level of enthusiasm of the members to tackle more issues this semester, the members established five ad hoc committees in addition to the two standing (permanent) committees of Student Assembly.

The five ad hoc committees and their respective elected chairs are the Cable Committee, to establish cable in residence rooms, co-chaired by Jim Eisenberg and Jeff Michael; the Campus Safety Issues Committee, to address safety concerns like the boulders blocking emergency vehicle access, chaired by Marie Follayttar; the Health Center Committee, to establish more accessible hours, chaired by Brian Giacometti; the Outdoor Graduation Committee, to have an outdoor graduation, chaired by Courteney Stuedemann; and the Social Guidelines Committee, addressing both the alcohol policy and the lack of social spaces on campus, chaired by Brian Berger.

In addition to the five ad hoc committees, their are also two standing committees: the Academic Project Team, which reports on any changes made in academic policy and how to make changes in academic policy, chaired by Audra Guss; and the Communications Committee, which is responsible for keeping the campus aware of the progress of Student Assembly and any events directly related to that body, chaired by Paige Whittaker.

Two additional committees that meet as necessary are the Funding Committee, which allocates Student Assemly funds, chaired by Laurel Bookman, and the Elections Committee, in charge of running elections, chaired by Desiree Lovell.

This year's members of Student Assembly are eager to get started and tackle their projects. If you are interested in any of the aforementioned projects or have any other ideas for Student Assembly, please get involved. We need the support of the Hamilton Community.

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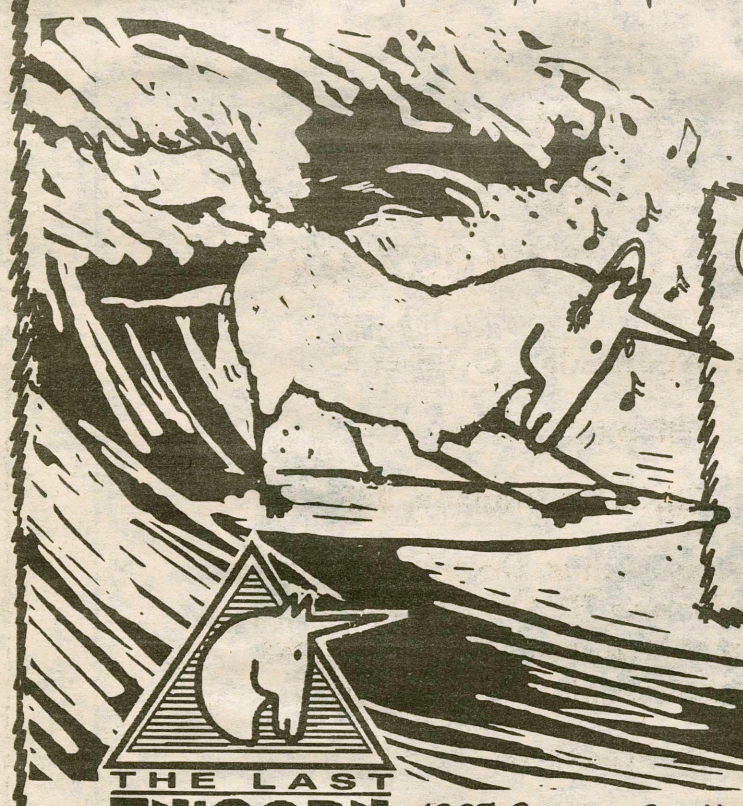

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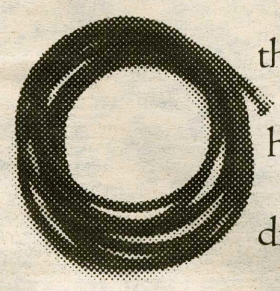
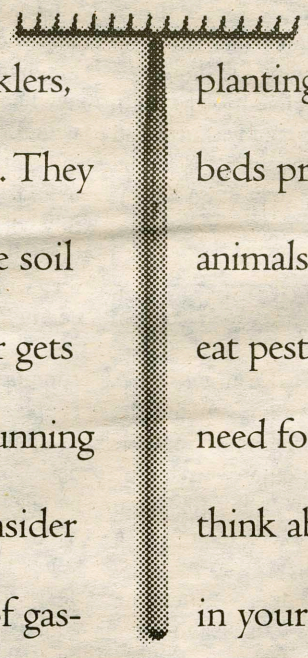


To conserve water, use soaker hoses instead of sprinklers.

The first step to creating an environmentally friendly garden is to compost. Composting not only helps produce the bacteria, nutrients and mulch plants need, it also reduces the amount of solid waste your home creates.

Another easy way to help the environment in your garden is to change the tools you use. For instance, instead of using sprinklers, try using soaker hoses. They leak moisture into the soil at slow rates, so water gets absorbed instead of running off. You may also consider using a rake, instead of gas-powered blowers.



Use a rake instead of gas-powered blowers.

Rakes use no fuel and give you some exercise. Next, think about the types of plants you plant. Consider planting perennials. Perennial beds provide refuge for animals and insects that will eat pests and reduce your need for chemicals. Finally, think about planting a tree in your backyard. Trees keep harmful carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere and create lots of energy-saving shade.

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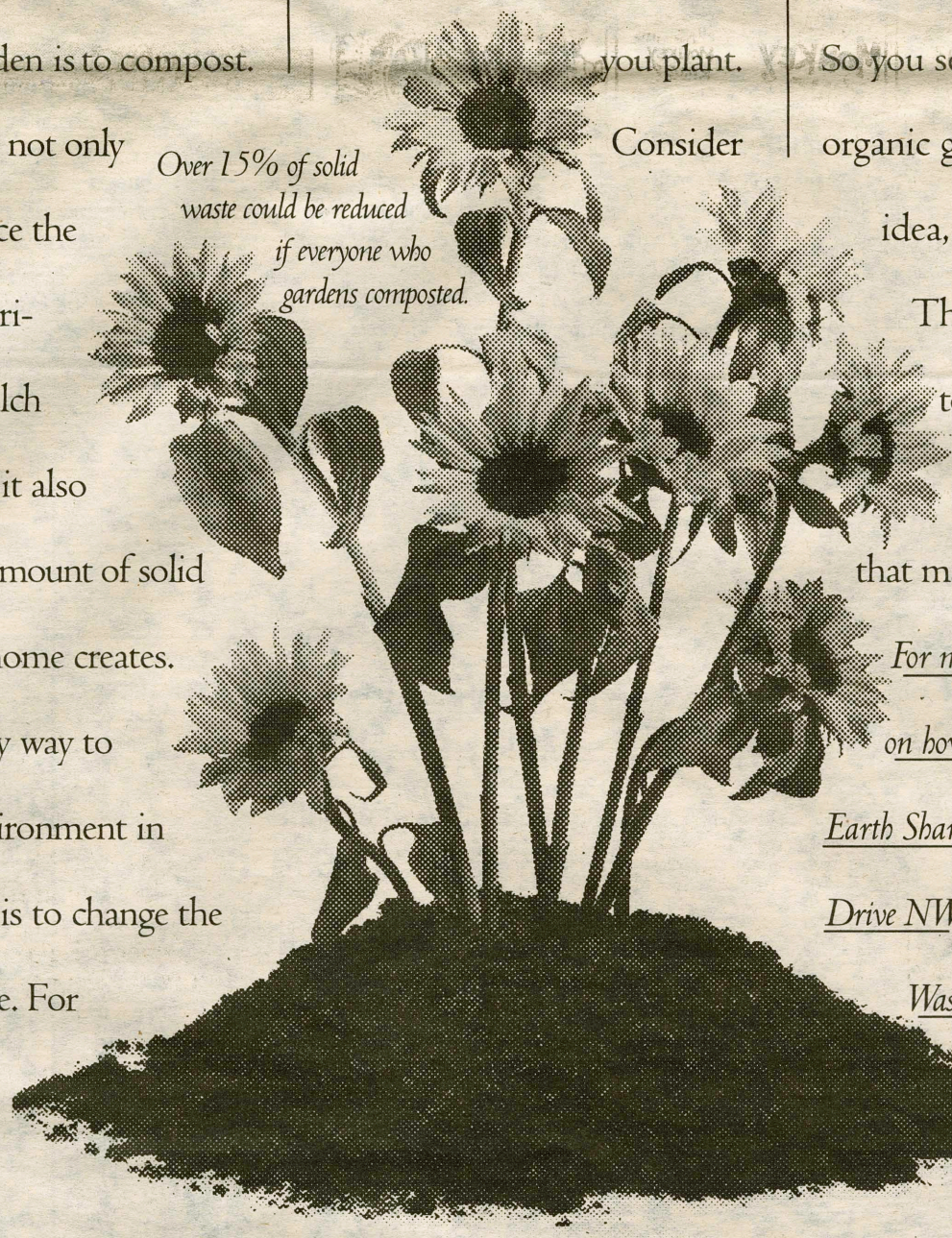

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PLEASE HAVE ID READY.
YOU WANT ME TO FETCH YOU ENOUGH ALCOHOL TO DOWN A BULL ELEPHANT AND TED KENNEDY BECAUSE ACCORDING TO YOUR ID, YOU'RE A 58 YEAR OLD BLACK LADY FROM MISSOURI NAMED CINDY.
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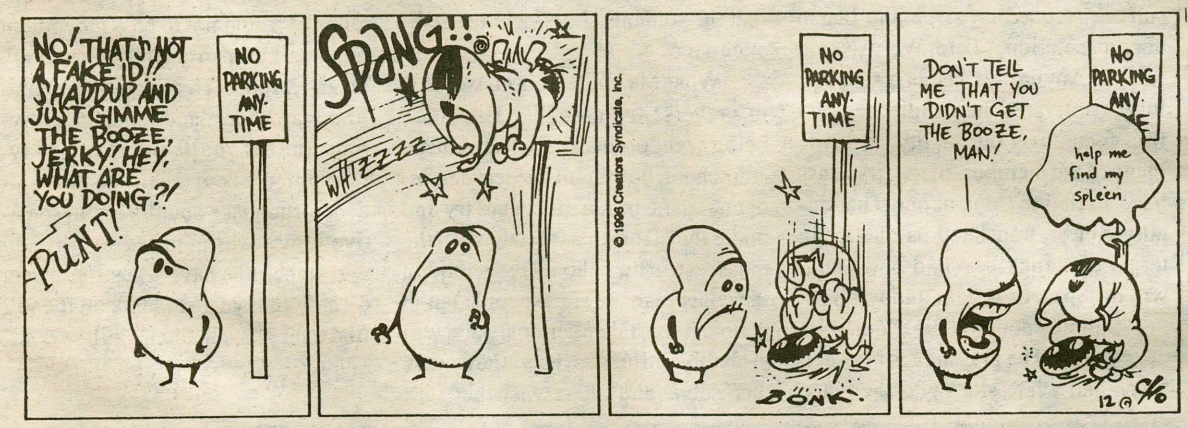
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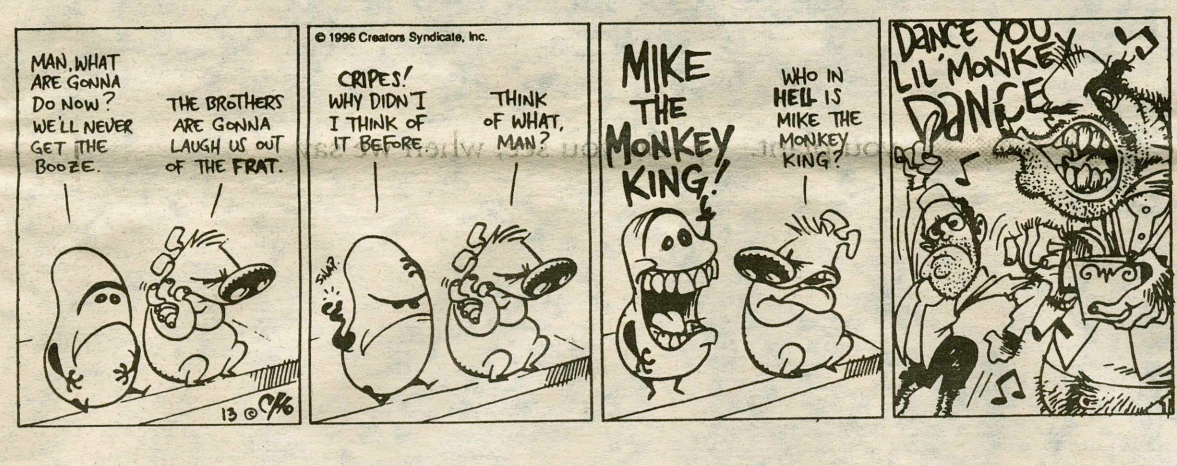
DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU DIDN'T GET THE BOOZE, MAN!
help me find my spleen


MAN, WHAT ARE GONNA DO NOW? WE'LL NEVER GET THE BOOZE.
THE BROTHERS ARE GONNA LAUGH US OUT OF THE FRAT.
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CRIPES! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE.
THINK OF WHAT, MAN?
MIKE THE MONKEY KING!
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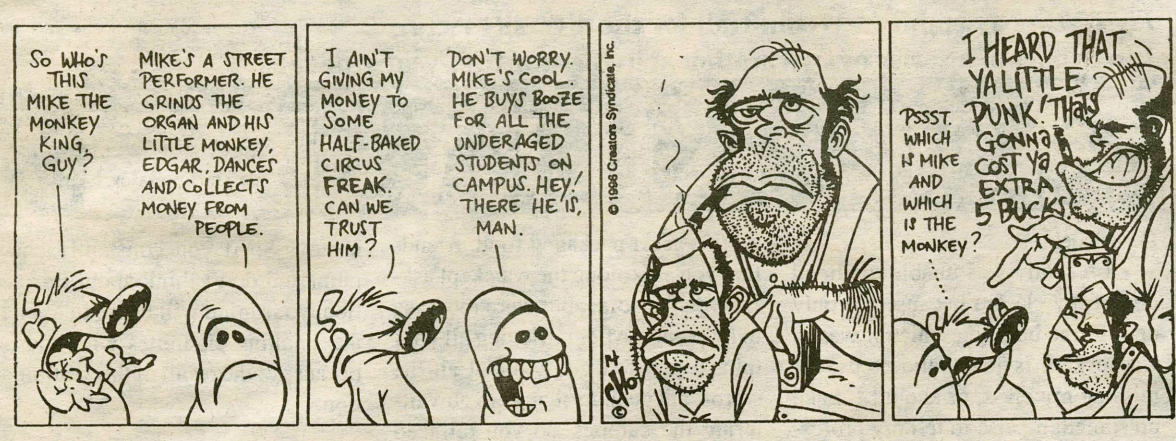
DANCE YOU LIL' MONKEY DANCE


SO WHO'S THIS MIKE THE MONKEY KING GUY?
MIKE'S A STREET PERFORMER. HE GRINDS THE ORGAN AND HIS LITTLE MONKEY, EDGAR, DANCES AND COLLECTS MONEY FROM PEOPLE.
I AIN'T GIVING MY MONEY TO SOME HALF-BAKED CIRCUS FREAK. CAN WE TRUST HIM?
DON'T WORRY. MIKE'S COOL. HE BUYS BOOZE FOR ALL THE UNDERAGED STUDENTS ON CAMPUS. HEY! THERE HE IS, MAN.
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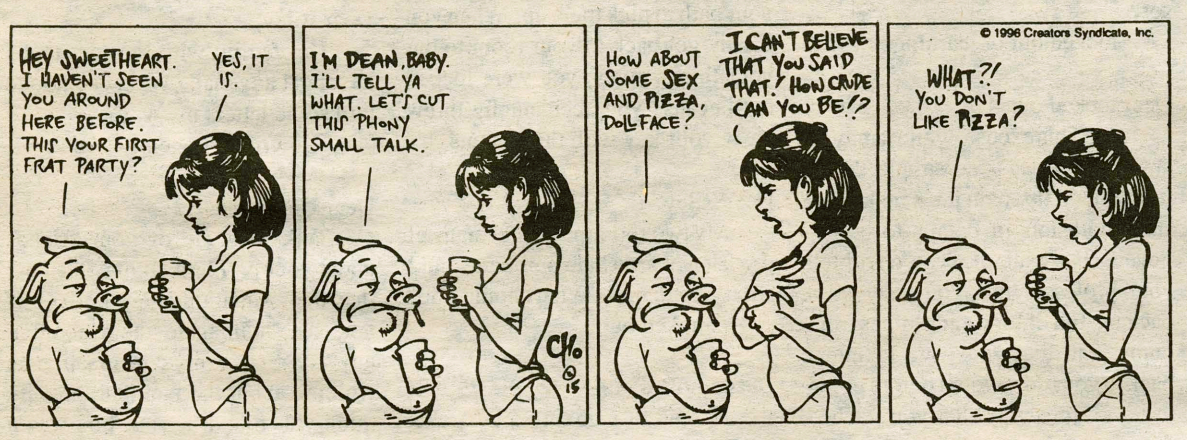
I HEARD THAT, YA LITTLE PUNK! THAT'S GONNA COST YA EXTRA 5 BUCKS!


HEY SWEETHEART. I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND HERE BEFORE. THIS YOUR FIRST FRAT PARTY?
YES, IT IS.
I'M DEAN, BABY. I'LL TELL YA WHAT. LET'S CUT THIS PHONY SMALL TALK.
HOW ABOUT SOME SEX AND PIZZA, DOLLFACE?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU SAID THAT! HOW CRUDE CAN YOU BE!?
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WHAT?! YOU DON'T LIKE PIZZA?

SECURITY BLOTTER

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- compiled by Joe Freeman 'oo

September 2

12:38AM- The fire alarm was suspiciously pulled in Bundy West

11:30AM- Petty larceny was reported in the storage area for International Students.

11:45PM- Security was called for a report of vandalism and lude behavior on the 3rd Floor of Dunham.

September 3

9:45AM- Construction work triggered a fire alarm in the Science Building.

12:30PM- Theives struck again as stolen property was reported in a basement storage area.

September 4

1:20AM- Security responded to a noise complaint in Bundy East

3:15PM- Another case of larceny was reported as a microwave was stolen from Milbank

11:50PM- Security was called to investigate a party in front of Chi Psi.

September 5

12:30AM- Security responded to a party in Milbank containing bulk alcohol.

8:55AM- A motor vehicle accident occurred behind McEwen, causing property damage

8:30PM- It was a bad day for cars as another accident occurred in the Griffin Rd. lot.

September 6

2:55PM- Bandits struck North as a case of theft was reported.

9:35PM- A fire alarm was pulled at the Griffin Rd. apartments.

9:55PM- A fire alarm was pulled in Babbitt.

10:00PM- A smoke detector triggered a fire alarm in South.

10:05PM- HCEMS responded to a medical emergency on the lawn in front of South.

10:10PM- Security responded to both a loud party and another fire alarm in South.

11:30PM- Security forces rushed to Dunham to inves tigate a broken window.

September 7

4:20AM- A fire alarm was triggered by a smoke detector in Dunham.

4:40PM- A fire alarm was triggered by a barbecue in the Sage Rink.

September 8

11:45PM- The lawn of 3 College Hill Rd. was damaged due to a vehicular accident.

September 11

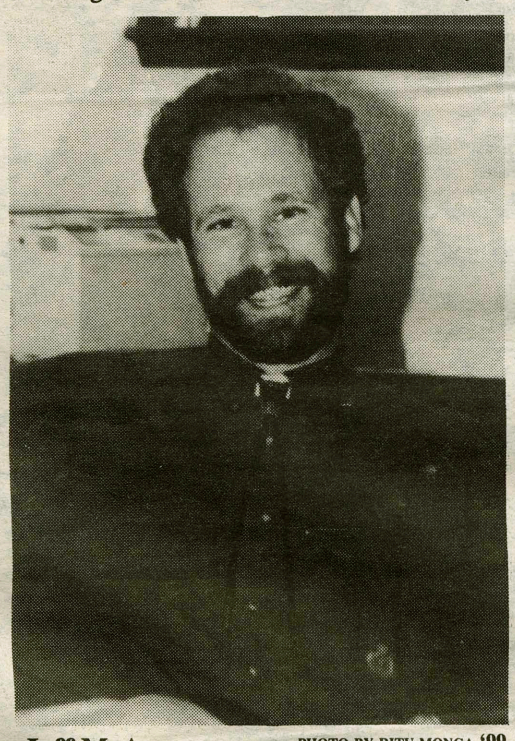
2:55AM- A vexing smoke detector triggered a fire alarm in Dunham.

New Chaplain arrives on Hill

Jeff McArn comes to Hamilton from Colgate University with plenty of goals for posiition

By Christian Tico '00
FEATURES WRITER

Many faculty and students at Hamilton are not aware that a new college chaplain has been appointed. For those who are still in the dark, Jeff McArn is now head of religious life at Hamilton. McArn, who received his masters degree at Harvard Divinity School and spent ten years at Radcliffe Publishing, has the responsibility of coordinating Protestant residential and spiritual activities, such as Sunday services, Bible study, and arranging for guest speaker appearances.



Jeff McArn PHOTO BY RITU MONGA '99

Along with the Catholic priest and the Rabbi, Minister McArn works towards making matters of faith "an integral aspect of the liberal arts education on the Hill." Although the three theologians do work together, they often cannot console each other due to the lack of a space reserved specifically for such a meeting. At Colgate University, such a place existed where those interested in discussing the meaning of life could commune in an open environment.

Although the Intervarsity Christian Organization does fit the bill for now, McArn seeks to expand the Chapel Board and to encourage some interfaith dialogue which would "strengthen, help and facilitate a mutual learning, experience," essentially overcoming the physical obstacles of having the clergy located in different offices.

Even more so than Colgate, where McArn worked last, Hamilton "creates an opportunity for chaplains to become integrated with student life."

"It's a real plus to be in the thick of things." he said. One way for students to get involved is by volunteering with HAVOC, and putting their faith and love into concrete action.

McArn also recommends that students seek a small semi-structured group outside of class and social events in which they can discuss their unique world view without fear of condemnation and guilt that organized religion often tries to run the lives of young people. Jeff encourages people to talk about the problems they wrestle with on a daily basis, such as losing a loved one or dealing with personal suffering, either with him or with the counseling center, which in itself can be very therapeutic. There is always a sympathetic ear eager to listen, and soon access will be possible via their Internet web site.

McArn's goal here, beyond recognizing the College's diverse religious efforts, is to organize the Protestant community to worship regularly and "study the integral study of ethics." Naturally, McArn promotes the practice of any religion on or off campus, and suggests that even those secularly inclined consider this option. McArn remarked that he was "blown away by Hamilton's beauty" and that he impressed by "the students' high energy, enthusiasm, and willing to participate." Hopefully, we will reinforce his good first impression with our behavior and quite possibly live up to his expectations. Who knows, we just might take him by surprise.

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Maura Cullen's lecture captivates first-year class during orientation

By Clara McAuley '00
FEATURES WRITER

On the morning of August twenty-seventh, hundreds of sleepy freshmen gathered in Wellin Hall for a lecture on multiculturalism and diversity. At first the predominant feeling among the group was one of general boredom and apathy. Since Tuesday morning, orientation had taken its toll on the new arrivals and two-and-a-half hour speech was not an eagerly anticipated event.

Yet from the moment Maura Cullen, Ed.D, an educational consultant, stepped on stage and began her presentation, "Toto, We're Not in Kansas Anymore!" she had successfully captivated her audience. Her first focus was on duality, a theme many of the members of the first class have started to think about. That duality can be translated as duality in terms of things like bad and good, win or loose, or wright and wrong.

Simple enough topic, right? Not necessarily. The gray area in between black and white sides was the place that she was trying to emphasize. That place can make people uncomfortable, but it also forces them to think about the way they treat serious social and cultural concerns. Ms.Cullen proceeded to throw out certain ways in which people judge others,

For example, in a predominatly caucasian school like Hamilton, it is usually common for individuals of a different race to socalize amongst themselves. The majority of the school then sometimes falsely assumes that the reason for the segregation has nothing to do with them and that the students simply choose to be exclusive.

What Ms.Cullen posed was that in a reverse situation, like Hamiltion being a predominatly African American school, how many Caucasian students, as the minority, would try and make the effort to associate with the mass race in the school? Even though the concept made some people laugh at first, it was taken seriously and will probably influence how they view themselves and others when they start building lasting social circles.

The speaker then paralled cars to people in an effort to show the group some steryotypes that exist. For most of it is almost second nature to equate money with prestige and power. Therefore a great car can impress some individuals. But what if the car does not come in the color you want, has too much mileage on it, is foreign, is not the right model, or is not a status symbol? It is not important that the car might be more reliable and better made than a flashier counterpart, she pointed out.

Ms.Cullen stressed the importance of trying not to pass judegment on someone or an object based merely on appearence. Her overall presentation was honest and touched everyone in the hall in some way. Ms.Cullen's courage to speak to students around the country about sensitive topics was admired by all, and will hopefully have a lasting effect on how first year students on the hill find their place in the Hamilton community.

First-years assemble in Wellin Hall for the diversity lecture. It was part of a series of Orientation activities for first-year students. PHOTO BY JULIE LASAUSO '99

Ask Riley

Riley
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Dear Riley,

I recently was unable to attend one of my classes because the only door to the building which it was in was locked. Is this a valid excuse for missing my class, or should I make up something else to tell my professor?

-locked out of learning

Dear locked out,

No. This excuse, while it may be absolutely true, is so simple that it resembles a lie. You must make up a story with lots of details to be believed. For example, you could tell your professor that you received a package full of food and clothes from home, and that you were taking it back to your dorm room before going to class. However, when you reached your door, you realized that a hole in the bottom of the box had allowed half its contents to fall on the ground, creating a trail from the post office to your room. You had to go back and pick everything up which was still there and of value. As you picked up all this great packaged food, friends that you saw along the way kept asking you for some, but were too busy to help you. After retrieving all your things, you felt guilty about all the styrofoam peanuts that were now littering the campus, so you retraced your path to pick them up. When you finally got back to your room to put your things away, you were locked out because you accidentally threw away your key with the peanuts.

Dear Riley,

My two roommates and many of my friends are chain smokers, and I am trying to quit. What should I do?

-smoked out

Dear smoked out,

Instead of smoking a cigarette, try chewing gum *while* you smoke a cigarette. It may turn out that all that smoking has left you too uncoordinated to chew gum and inhale at the same time. If not, the cigarette smoke will make your gum taste so disgusting that you will probably be nauseous. So if you constantly chew gum, and don't think about this action, your mind will come to associate smoking cigarettes with nausea because of the result of this combination.

Dear Riley,

I'm fed up with the fact that I never get any mail. What can I do to pull some letters my way?

-Unwritten Legend

Dear Unwritten,

Talk to some of your friends about your problem. It may turn out that their situations are similar. If not, keep talking to them about it anyway. Start every conversation by whining about the fact that the only thing you found in your box was a flyer from Heritage Liquors ("We dicker for liquor") in Clinton. Pretty soon, your friends will be so sick of this that they will write letters to you, so that you will stop complaining, and so that they won't have to talk to you anymore if you don't stop.

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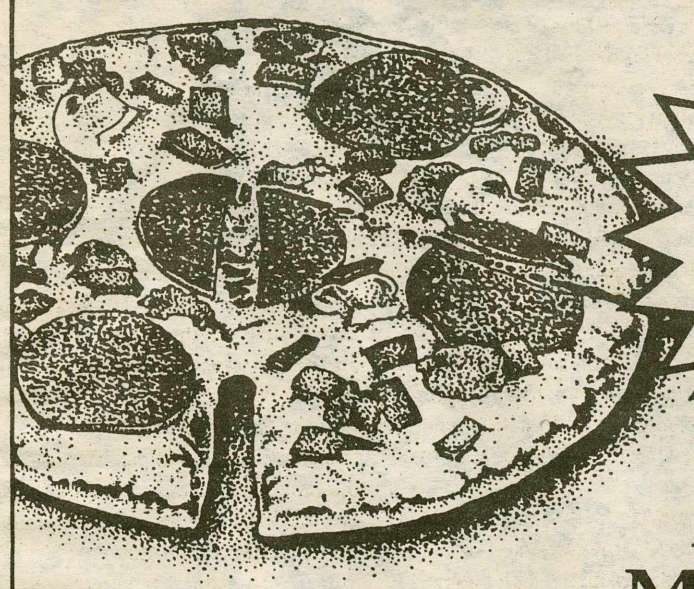

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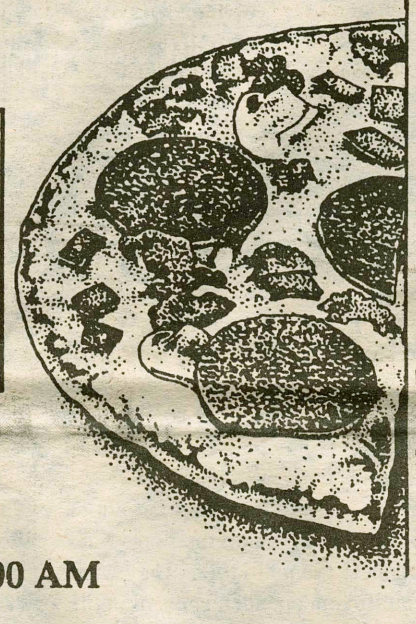

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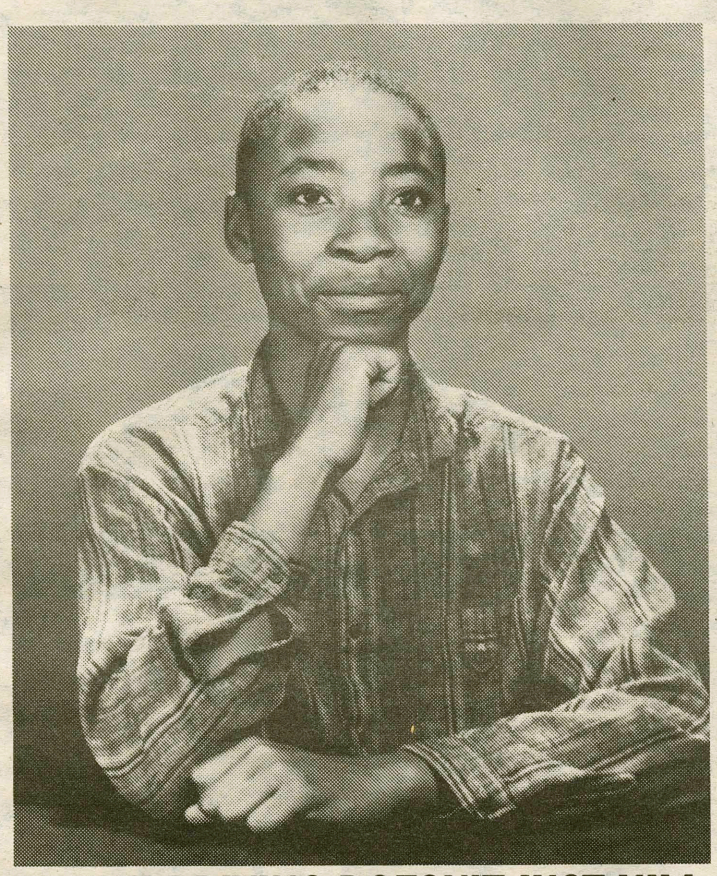

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EDITORIAL

Personal growth, not rankings, important in our education

Yes, it hurts to look at the new *U.S. News and World Report* rankings and see Hamilton at the bottom of the list. Admittedly, there is a certain muscle in our brain that twitches when we talk to our friend attending Bowdoin College. Because someone, somewhere has said, in a very official, black and white way, that there are 24 schools that are better. Assumably, when you graduate from Hamilton College you will not be as smart, as employable, or as good of a person as you would have been had you graduated from one of the other 24 schools. That hurts, no question about it.

What that ranking is trying to tell us is that there are ways we could spend four years that might have been more productive than attending Hamilton. This isn't shocking, or at least for most of us it shouldn't be. Of course there are. There is no single path to be followed, and certainly no single destination.

It isn't about going to the best school, the one towards the top of that distinguished list, it is about personal growth and personal achievement. Perhaps the question we should ask ourselves is, if personal growth and achievement can be maximized, have we done it at Hamilton? It is possible. It is a highly private question, and is not taken into account for the purposes of ranking Colleges.

An education can be found in the most unlikely places. It is not an exclusionary accomplishment. The most important type of learning is not in the books for our classes, or even in the classes themselves. It is not in our residence halls or presided over by Resident Advisors. It is intangible. It is experience, and there is no substitute.

It is preposterous to measure the accomplishment of goals in a competitive way. A Hamilton education is what you make of it. So much so that it may even be wrong to call it a "Hamilton education." The resources are provided for everyone, but it is how you take advantage of them that decides the worth of your time here. Do not measure yourself against others, measure yourself with your own mind. Measure Hamilton in the same way.

Education is not conferred to the members of a particular club, it is earned by the most diligent. "Meaningless" is the best way to describe our drop in the rankings. This is not profound and it is not a rationalization.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where are the cheerleaders?

After two years at Hamilton, I still wonder: where are the cheerleaders? In my youth, I was fascinated by American movies about college life in which the pom- pom girls held the main role. They were beautiful, independent, queens of the field and their school's social life. These woman were ready to do anything, to be the best, to dominate, to be the leader. You can imagine my dissapointment at the first football game. With other international students I looked at the field and altogether we screamed: "but where are the pom-pom girls? This is America and their are no pom-pom girls!" It was cultural theft. Hamilton had promised us a traditional American education and there were no cheer leaders at the football game.

Cheerleaders would be a real help for our team. They are the only ones who can push the spectator into the screaming and cheering which is necessary for a complete football victory. Why is our team deprived of a little help that everybody would enjoy? A lot of students used to be cheerleaders before arriving in Hamilton. Why can't they continue utilizing their talent? Is there so much pressure from certain groups that potential Hamilton cheerleaders are discouraged from practicing. I hope not, because that would deny them what we all believe America is providing us: a Freedom of Choice.

Furthermore, I don't see how cheerleading can be degrading to the female image. These people are usually highly athletic and capable of doing exercises I would not even try with a very good life insurance. Is it because we are just looking at their athletic skills and not their intellect? If so we should get rid of all sports and also the dance department?

Cheerleaders and football go hand in hand. It is a balance of muscular power and female delicateness. A representation of life in front of a battle field. Football is a fun game to watch but it is good to have some sort of entertainment when the ball is not played. As Coca-Cola and Nike are not interested in fulfilling these tasks for Hamilton, it is necessary to find something else. We could play Twister, one of Hamilton's favorites, but like many other students I am no longer six months old and I don't feel like crawling on the floor. I would rather have Hamilton cheerleaders accompanied by a Hamilton band performing on the field

Contantin Laan '97

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LETTERS TO•THE•EDITOR

What really matters?

What really matters? That question rang through my head after I listened to the onslaught of criticisms that Hamilton has faced over the past few weeks. The lower diner equivalency, the boulders, the lack of grass, the changes that force us to do things a little differently.

All I could think of is the class of 2000, a group of students who just left high school, the hometown, their family, their friends, their lives to come here. Here, a place where we complain about rocks and straw. Is this starting to sound insignificant? Well, it did to me.

The animosity and spirit in some form of necessary revenge has seemed to slip and drift off of the Hill. After the collection of memories last year, the broken branches, the sidewalk chalkings, the library window, and the secession of Keehn, it is relatively easy for someone to reconsider their return here.

Upperclassmen scheming to reveal the truth about the "real" Hamilton to the incoming first-years seems like a justifiable and moral crusade. But what is the real Hamilton? When does the viewbook close? When do the statistics fail to become apparent? While these questions ring through one's head, President Tobin proclaims, "Hamilton is what you make of it." Right, but how do we know what to make of it?

The only answer I can think of comes from a member of the graduated class of '96. "School spirit at Hamilton is next to nothing," people will go to games and root for the home team, but no one lives and dies with the buff and blue, "but there is an unprecedented amount of school pride here, there is a sense of community." That school pride wasn't apparent to me until I went home for the summer and experienced something we have all experienced.

"Where do you go to school?"

"Hamilton College"

"Oh, where's that?"

You want to tell them it's credentials, ranking, caliber, difficulty, reputation, history, etc. But you don't, you smile and say "New York," and drop the subject. And when you run into the occasional, "Hamilton... one of my neighbor's daughters goes there, that's a great school isn't it," you smile.

The leaves starting to fall off the trees right now are a reminder of the greater cycle in which we all helplessly spin. We are at the beginning of a cycle that we have known as long as the seat belt and the toilet.

a culmination of all your fears,
have been thrown into these broken years
a time to laugh, and a time to cry
crash to the ground, or attempt to fly
the world has been given to you

That verse, reminiscent of a Hallmark card, just about sums it up. The Hill is, has been, or will be the sight for some of the best and worst memories of your life. The car is in drive and you are at the wheel.

So what are all of the complaints about? Res.-Life screwing up the housing? The new rooms happen to be better than many old rooms. The boulders? The straw? Well, if Hamilton is a bad college because we can't grow grass well, then I came here for all the wrong reasons. Then again, we could remember that many universities, like Boston University and Providence College have little to no grass, as do many front yards across the country. Appearance is not everything - a valuable lesson.

Many situations, problems, infractions, accidents will occur this year, on and off campus. It is our job to remember that there is an "off-campus" that extends beyond Roma's and even beyond Turning Stone. And that the reason we are in here is to make it better out there.

What's the point of this article? To stop a problem before it starts - disappointment. Many doors are about to open up, enter one of them, and don't complain that it is not opening wide enough.

Brian Giacometti '99

Trapped in the terrarium

BEN MINTZ
GRAY MATTERS

Some of my friends from larger schools have told me how they take part in psychology experiments for cash. I thought it was odd that at Hamilton I pay money to participate in a giant sociology experiment.

I've thought a lot about why I write such harsh, specific complaints weekly and not a soul replies (with the exception of last spring's 80/20 controversy). I like to think that it is because my points are so valid that a rebuttal is impossible. Along those lines, I also like to think that my writings will reverse res-life soon; but alas, one must be a realist. This week, I originally set out to write an invitation to the portion of our community that must despise my views, but remains silent. I hoped to encourage them to write back with some excuse or explanation, even a mere "dog ate my homework" line. Perhaps it could have started a dialogue, which is the first step in students on The Hill reaching mutual understandings of one another. However, I came to the realization that the reasoning behind the silence is general apathy and the feeling that that I . . . and you will be gone from Hamilton and forgotten soon enough.

According to a reliable source, one powerful trustee commented about the insignificance of our generation of Hamiltonians. It was this "trustee's" opinion that our views and discomfort could be simply written off because we are a dying breed, gradually being phased out. When we are gone, what importance will our discomfort have?

Unfortunately enough, our general discontent and motivation to actually express such feelings will probably have no long term effect. At least our rank will have risen.

But, ironically, while our community has waited patiently to view the name of our eventual alma-mater entrenched in a highly ranked position, that has not happened. Instead Hamilton fell two spots in the latest issue of *US News and World Report*. I imagine that our trustees and administration must be humiliated with this fall, since they have oft stated that improving Hamilton's reputation was a primary goal of the infamous Res-Life decision.

The Report of the Committee on Residential Life spoke specifically about student empowerment. For instance, it stated, "Regulations and standards governing the reservation and use of College-Owned Social Spaces would be determined by Student Assembly as delegated by the college." Sadly, student empowerment at Hamilton is a farce. While there is a committee on social guidelines that regularly meets and submits suggestions on the topic to the trustees, many of their most important recquests are denied. Despite numerous requests, little has been done about the two most important issues: a large space to replace Commons and a true outdoor social space. True, student assembly does have some responsibilities like allocating funds to some student organizations. However, not all organizations recieve funding from student assembly and the body is dependant on the trustees and the college budget for the money that they distribute. The underlying theme is that although committees are fun and look nice on our resumes that are exponentially increasing in importance, any decisions we make within their frameworks are meaningless and even impossible without approval from above.

Another example of rights violation is the banner instance I wrote about last year. On this occasion, residential life forced students to remove banners from their windows, including one that merely read, "Ask your tour-guide about res-life." The fiasco was just another example of Hamilton reminding us that our rights are minimal.

It is funny to compare Hamilton to a penitentionary and trendy to be upset when it starts to resemble Attica, but behind the exaggerated metaphors is frightening and increasing factual evidence. The worst victims of this loss are the first-years, because they are the first to have this situation as their reality and are not written off like my year, they are guinea pigs for a new experiment.

CORRECTION

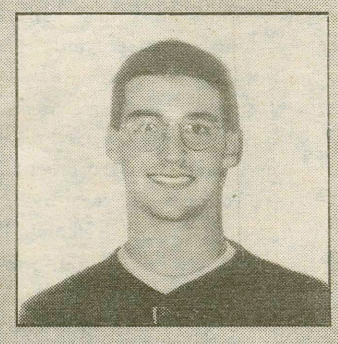
The Spectator apologizes for misquoting Daniel F. McAllister in the article entitled "Op-ed Editor McAllister to Be Published," which appered in the 6 September, 1996 issue. McAllister was misquoted as saying "I am hoping to win an award for this." What he actually said was, "I have to cut this interview short, it's almost 4:20."

VOICE BOX

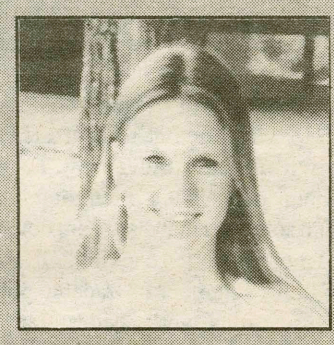
Q: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF CHANGES ON CAMPUS ?

A:

Jon Tucker '99
"The ramps are good improvements, but the larger wall beside Commons and the rocks around campus are unecessary."



Melissa McGregor '99
"They're preposterous."



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Hamilton: top college or mediocre boarding school?

OWEN GRANT

Each year *U.S. News and World Report* releases an issue entitled "America's Best Colleges, Which School is Right for You?" Upon possesing the issue, most people scan the rankings to find the school with which they are affiliated, locate their ranking and then put the issue down. However, the weekly magazine provides much insight into the factors that contribute to a particular school's position, as well as comprehensive analysis of the issues facing today's college president, student and parent financing a child's education.

Hamilton was rated the 25th best liberal arts school in this years issue, which hit newstands on Thursday. Many people, especially an overzealous administration, had anticipated a leap in the rankings due to the improvements made during the past two years. Unfortunately, the stimulating academic environment that has been achieved is merely one component of the comprehensive study.

In areas such as alumni giving rate, Hamilton slipped several percentage points to 54%. This indicates that there are members of the Hamilton family other than students that are unhappy with the direction of the school. However, the most tell tale statistic is the expenditure per student. The top universities such as Yale and Princeton spend roughly $45,000 per student. While the expenditures tend to be lower for liberal arts schools, the top school, Swarthmore, spends $26,504 per student. Hamilton was listed as spending $18,732 per student, the third least of top-25 schools, while its tuition is in excess of $28,000 a year, among the most of any school in the country.

When my brother came up to Hamilton for the first time this year, his first impression was that Hamilton resembled a boarding school. I thought about this observation and decided that he is right, but I wondered which boarding school Hamilton most closely resembled. Tuition at the top boarding schools, where many current Continentals studied, is around $16,000. Their average expenditures per student is approximately $23,000. And, quite frankly, the commitment that the schools make to their students is manifest in every aspect of residential, academic, and recreational life.

Put simply, Hamilton does not feel like one of the best schools in the country because it is not one of the best schools in the country. When Colin Powell graced the Hamilton Gymnasium crowd with his speech, which for those of you who don't already know was the identical speech given at other colleges and universities, he spoke about the need for institutions to reduce their spending, while in the same breath he optimistically preached about increasing opportunities for today's youth. Meanwhile, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that fully 40% of college graduates aged 20 to 24 are currently unemployed or underemployed. Clearly the days in which Powell reminisced of earning a high school and college diploma, and immediately entering a successful carreer path for a mere $10 are over.

One of my teachers explained, rather lengthily, that the decision to attend college, especially a private school, is a cost-benefit decision. In fact, she added, many people question whether in today's job market a liberal arts education is really a good investment. As I saw it, it was becoming a worse investment for each minute she continued explaining this scenario rather than actually teaching me information that might turn into usable knowledge.

Hamilton is a place where anyone can receive an excellent education. However, it is not a place where everyone will receive an excellent education. One must go out of their way to get the most out of their classroom experienes, their social interactions, the use of the school's facilities and human resources and the surrounding area and its resources.

I was acquainted with an alumnus last year who introdced himself as Ben. Immediately afterwards he said, "What am I, an assh—e? $100,000 for an education and I have my name conveniently patched onto my shirt. Look foward to graduation guys." And so he payed his dues on The Hill for what? He merely became a bayonetless Continental.

Good environmental sense

PETER KELLY

REASONABLE RESOLUTIONS

Well, I'm back again. This year I'm 15 and I'll be continuing my articles on the environment. Many of you are new to Hamilton, or didn't read my "Reasonable Resolutions" column last year (a forgivable oversight, but one you won't want to repeat this year!). So let me lay out my general outlook, arranged as my seven principles of environmental rationality. If you read last year's introductory article, you may see some recycled ideas. Bear with me; good ideas, like aluminum beer cans, are well worth recycling. Of course, my upcoming articles on specific issues will be all-new. Here goes:

1. We should put aside our political differences when we deal with environmental issues. Protecting the environment is neither a liberal nor a conservative agenda. Keep in mind that a degraded environment could well lead to the breakdown of constitutional government itself. So if you like political diatribes (right- or left-wing), you won't like my articles. I've got no political ax to grind and no pet schemes to push. Whether we like it or not, we're going to need both market forces *and* government regulation to combat environmental problems. Unfortunately, there's no magic bullet—not even population control—to solve everything.

2. We should stay focused on the big, potentially catastrophic problems. Too often we've gotten bogged down in minor disputes like landfill siting. Where to put the dump may get people all excited (who wants it down the street?), but landfill siting is really a local political problem, not a global ecological crisis. (Of course, recycling is a good idea, but mainly for the resources and energy it saves, and the jobs it creates.)

3. We shouldn't assume that radical environmentalists represent the environmental movement. For one thing, radicals are often moralistic, and solutions that may seem obvious to moralists often backfire. Offering a limited number of tradable pollution permits works better than denouncing pollution as a "rape of nature." Moralists imply that nature is correct and unchanging, and that all damage to it is irreversible; in fact, nature has marvelous regenerative powers. We do need to be careful, though, especially with things we can't reverse, like extinctions and the loss of wetlands. What's more, some radicals actually oppose scientific research into environmental issues for fear that it might bring good news or find solutions that would preserve Western technological society. And they cover up success stories, a counterproductive practice.

4. We should recognize and celebrate the great progress we've made on some issues. In almost every area, with the notable exception of greenhouse-gas emissions, affluent countries are creating less new damage to the environment than they did a generation ago. Of course, we can't bring back extinct species, and it's impractical to filter outdoor air, restore wetlands, bring back eroded topsoil, or recover materials from landfills. Yet we're polluting the air and the water less, allowing less soil to erode, sending less trash to landfills, and even allowing lots of unneeded agricultural land to return to nature. Still, most problems are far from solved, and the outlook in some less-developed countries is bleak.

5. We should guard against complacency. The global income gap is widening and both overconsumption and desperate poverty are bad for the Earth. Population growth remains rapid, and every year we put greater amounts of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Meanwhile, erosion, salinization, and other degradations claim our crop and grazing lands, and flora and fauna continue to go extinct. And all of this is happening even in a time of peace for most of the world.

6. We should develop a global perspective. We who live in relative luxury in a healthy environment must not forget that 4/5 of our fellow human beings are not so fortunate. Many in less-developed countries live exposed to untreated sewage, unfiltered cheap-coal burning, untreated drinking water, open garbage-burning in the streets, or unventilated wood or dung burning in a hut. Many are forced to knowingly destroy rainforests on steep slopes for a year's food, or to have as many children as they can to insure that some will survive. It's not a pretty picture, and although these squalid scenes may be thousands of miles away, we cannot afford to ignore them. You can't destroy one part of the Earth without eventually affecting everyone.

7. We should renew our commitment to foreign aid, learning from our past mistakes. Food aid is commonly lost to theft or spoilage, and even if it reaches the poor, it often encourages migration to already overcrowded cities. Other aid may simply spur inflation in the recipient countries, or cripple them with debt, as has happened with loans for grandiose World Bank projects. These are not arguments to cut back foreign aid. Rather, aid needs to be redirected into smaller loans and grants for projects that pay attention to the local environmental and social conditions. The modest successes of population-control programs suggest that it is possible to gain ground, though little was accomplished until the governments of less-developed countries acknowledged that population growth was a serious threat to development and security.

Sad to say, we Americans are not very good at paying attention to the rest of the world unless we can see an immediate threat to us. People rightly complain about environmental racism at home. (The new toxic incinerator is never built in a place like Scarsdale!) But let's face it, abandoning the less-developed countries to environmental degradation is the most insidious form of racism there is. . . and you can be sure that we'll all pay for this sin in the long run.

I hope these principles give you a little sense of my perspective. My next article will explore how the U.S. government is subsidizing the environmental exploitation of the American West.

Student assembly positions

On October 2nd and October 9th, the Student Assembly will be holding elections for the Class of 2000. Positions available are Class President (election date of October 2nd) and Class Secretary/Treasurer, 5 Class Representatives, Judicial Board Representative, and Honor Court Representative (election date of October 9th). To run for elected office, candidates must submit a petition with 25 names from the class of 2000 and a campaign platform of no more than 100 words to the Election Committee of the Student Assembly via campus mail by 4pm September 18th for the position of Class President and by 4 pm September 25th for the remaining 7 positions

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BROTHERS, GIVE THIS MAN A WEDGIE"!!
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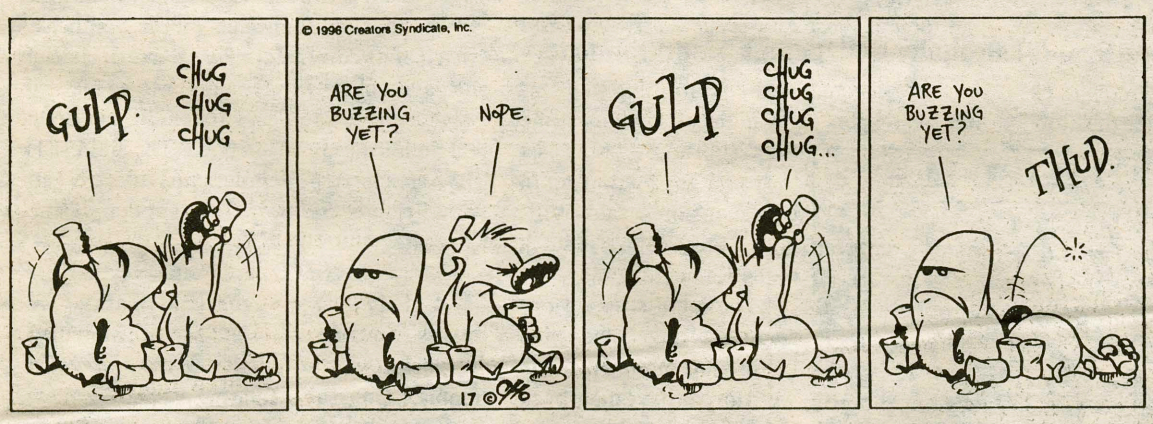

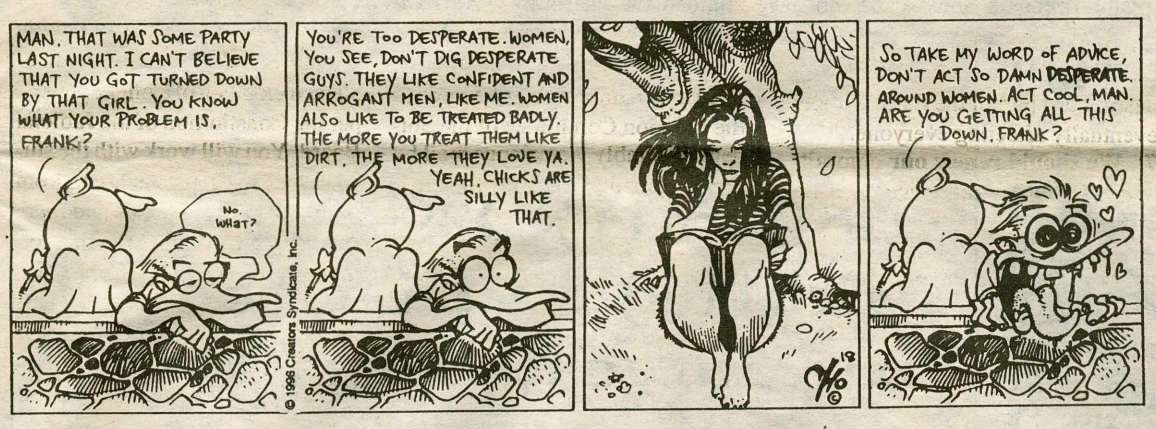
MAN. THAT WAS SOME PARTY LAST NIGHT. I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT YOU GOT TURNED DOWN BY THAT GIRL. YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS, FRANK?
No. WHAT?
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YOU'RE TOO DESPERATE. WOMEN, YOU SEE, DON'T DIG DESPERATE GUYS. THEY LIKE CONFIDENT AND ARROGANT MEN, LIKE ME. WOMEN ALSO LIKE TO BE TREATED BADLY. THE MORE YOU TREAT THEM LIKE DIRT, THE MORE THEY LOVE YA.
YEAH, CHICKS ARE SILLY LIKE THAT.
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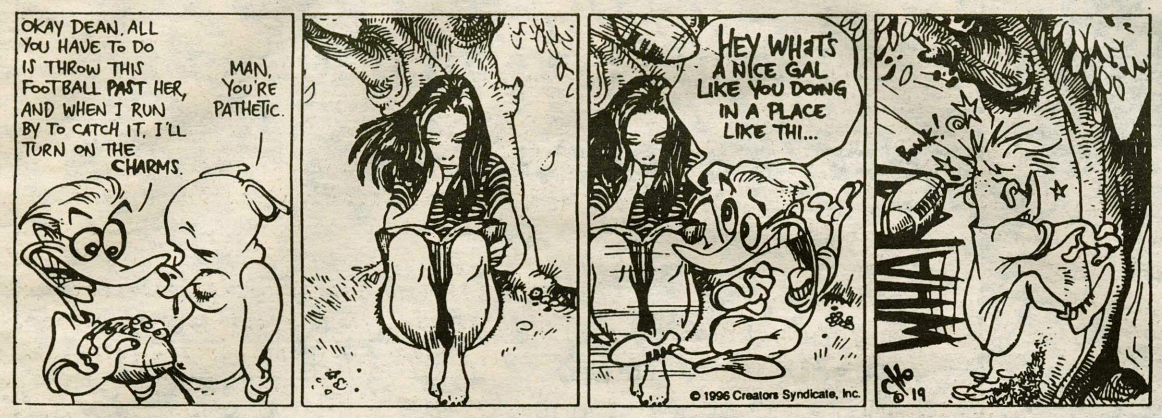
SO TAKE MY WORD OF ADVICE, DON'T ACT SO DAMN DESPERATE. AROUND WOMEN. ACT COOL, MAN. ARE YOU GETTING ALL THIS DOWN, FRANK?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WHAM!
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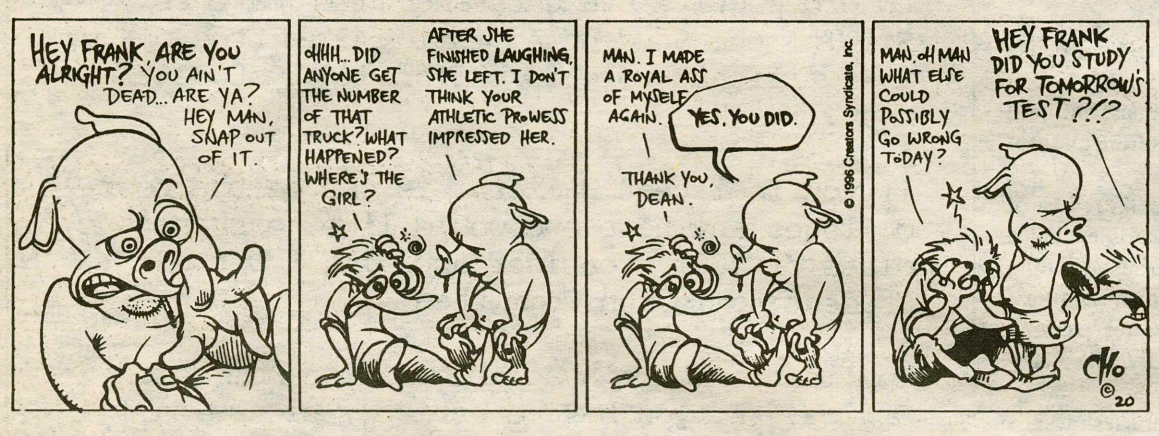
HEY FRANK, ARE YOU ALRIGHT? YOU AIN'T DEAD... ARE YA? HEY MAN, SNAP OUT OF IT.
OHHH... DID ANYONE GET THE NUMBER OF THAT TRUCK? WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S THE GIRL?
AFTER SHE FINISHED LAUGHING, SHE LEFT. I DON'T THINK YOUR ATHLETIC PROWESS IMPRESSED HER.
MAN. I MADE A ROYAL ASS OF MYSELF AGAIN.
YES. YOU DID.
THANK YOU, DEAN.
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MAN, OH MAN WHAT ELSE COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG TODAY?
HEY FRANK DID YOU STUDY FOR TOMORROW'S TEST?!?
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SPECTATOR CLASSIFIED

The Spec Classified is a new section that includes Quotable Quotes, Personals, and Classified ads. Send your information to The Spec Classified via campus mail or email to "spectator@hamilton.edu".

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I didn't give any F's- it's not that none of you *deserved* F's. . . "
-Encouraging words from a professor!

"I wouldn't want to live in a quad- *especially* not with *guys*!"
-A first year male.

"Why don't you take a long walk off a short pier?"
-Another pleasant remark from the professor above; unfortunately, he no longer teaches at Hamilton.

PERSONALS

Dear Sandy,
Thank you for the best year ever. Take care of Calvin while you are gone. Love, Lisa

Mona Lisa-
Would you be available to come decorate my room? Is Friday night convenient? -Pineapple

Dearest Hazel,
So, how is everything? How are the kids? Tell John I say hello. I'm sure we'll see you over the holidays- I look forward to it. Give my love to the family. Hugs and kisses,
Tilly

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Wellin Concert Hall is searching for a few firstyears and/or sophmores that are interested in ushering for this year's performances. Potential management opportunities available! Contact Janelle Schwartz @ x0025 with any questions or replies.

For those of you who happened to miss the Jitney meeting and are still interested, GREAT NEWS, there are still shifts available if you want to make some extra money this semester. For more info call or e-mail Jason x0337 jsmith@hamilton.edu

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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD

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Spacey Jams, Hot Dancing in the Barn

What a difference a year makes. Last year in Commons, the Sigma Phi Society and WHCL brought us a band that made people move and groove for hours. Last Saturday in the Barn, Belizbeha got the crowd shaking in CAB's kick-off event and also opened some eyes with a stellar musical performance.

Belizbeha's trademark bumpin' sound was in full force, as expected, but hazy, psychedelic jams found their way into the band's 90-minute set. Keyboardist Jeremy Skaller and guitarist Bob Dunham let loose with atmospheric sounds while the rhythm section, including chiefly bassist Shawn Williams and drummer Mark Robohm, laid down smooth grooves.

I found myself pausing in mid-step to check out the intensity emanating from the musicians on stage. The show did lack some of the all-out dancing chaos of last year's event with Saturday's crowd thinning as the night wore on, but the powerful jams inspired the sweaty mob that remained.

With so much ridiculous jamming, you might think that Belizbeha's trio of vocalists–Shauna Antoniuc, Kadiatou Sibi, and rapper Fattiebumballattie—were weak. Wrong! Fattie was dropping his rhymes and pumping up the crowd in front while Antoniuc and Sibi increased the flow with their plush vocals.

The setlist included a number of songs from the band's superb album, *Charlie's Dream*, mixed with some new tunes and one particularly phat cover. Fattie worked the crowd into a frenzy on "Only If" and "B To Da E," while "K's Groove" chimed with Antoniuc and Sibi leading the way. Other *Dream* tracks which rocked the house were "Catch the Flow" and "Yes U Can."

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A party atmosphere and musical talent make Belizbeha a Hamilton fave.

A few new songs embodied the growing maturity in Belizbeha's sound, including a slower number with Antoniuc on lead vocals. One of my favorites for the night was the opener of a three-song encore: a cover of Run D.M.C.'s classic, "You Be Illin."

After a killer night of music, the band headed downtown to chill with some of the friends they met last year while performing in Commons and spending a night on campus at the Sigma Phi house. "Man, last year you guys put us up in that mansion," said Williams. "This year we're stuck at the Ramada."

The band stressed onstage how much they like coming up to the Hill, and we'd love to have them back before they become megastars. The door is certainly open for Belizbeha with bands like the Fugees and Spearhead who have climbed the charts by blending R&B with other elements of music. We'll probably be seeing Belizbeha on MTV within a year.

If you did not get a chance to pick up *Charlie's Dream*, you should. Information on purchasing the CD and about the band is available on the Web at http://www.together.net/~belizbeh/ or by sending e-mail to "belizbeha@together.net".

PETER BUDDHA'S BUZZ GASTON

MUSIC NEWS

I send my sincere condolences to **Stefan Lessard**, bassist for the **Dave Matthews Band**, and his wife Josie on the loss of their three-week old baby girl, Aslan Mozelle. The cause of her death is still unknown, and the band has cancelled four dates on the Southeastern leg of its current tour. DMB's official Web site gave a charity for donations to be made in Aslan's name. Monies will benefit the school that Stefan and Josie attended. The address is: The Aslan Mozelle Scholarship Fund, c/o Tandem Friends School, 279 Tandem Lane, Charlottesville, VA 22902

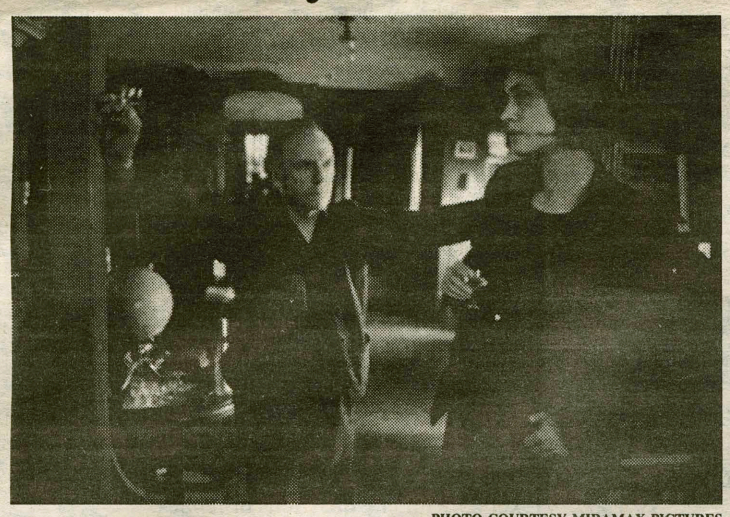
New This Week

Cake, *Fashion Nugget* (Capricorn); **Cardigans**, *First Band on the Moon* (Mercury); **Corrosion of Conformity**, *Wise Blood* (Columbia); **Dogstar** (featuring Keanu Reeves), *Our Little Visionary* (Zoo); **The Seldom Scene**, *Dream Scene* (Sugar Hill); **Social Distortion**, *White Light, White Heat, White Trash* (Sony 550); **Steve Vai**, *Fire Garden* (Epic); **ZZ Top**, *Rhythmeen* (RCA).

Kieslowski's 'Red' up first in Foreign and Fine Film Society's fall schedule

By Colin Carman '00
A&E writer

Red, *White*, and *Blue* constitute Polish director Krzysztof Kieslowski's trilogy "Three Colors." Kielowski, who co-wrote and directed the trilogy, wanted to interpret the colors of the French flag in a modern way.



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Krzysztof Kieslowski's *Red*, part of his "Three Colors" trilogy, will be featured in the K-J Auditorium.

Blue is a story of liberty. When a french composer and his daughter die in a car accident, his wife (played by Juliette Binoche) is left to reinvent herself. She trashes her husband's material, regains her maiden name and moves to Paris.

Blue is a quiet film. Kielowski does not cram his films with dialogues. He places an uncommon trust in the viewer to "wait and see." There is no resolution in *Blue*. The film concludes with an eerie montage of characters–-one dying, one underwater—all equally pathetic and entangled.

White is a story of equality. A Polish hairdresser is betrayed by his malicious young wife (played by *Before Sunrise*'s Julie Delpy.) In order to settle the score, the hairdresser has his wife falsly imprisoned. Though the film is not as subtle as *Blue* or *Red*, the notion of equality is genius.

Red is Kieslowski's take on "fraternity." In *Blue* we see an old woman struggling to put a bottle in a trash receptacle. The composer's wife, having been liberated, does not assist her in any way.

In *Red*, however, the character must help. The character is a French model (Irene Jacob) who befriends a reclusive, old judge who spends his days eavesdropping on his neighbor's phone calls. There is a subplot involving a young lawyer, which is not fully understandable until the conclusion, when the actors from all three films are united.

Kieslowski died shortly after the release of *Red*. Sadly, the Academy Awards excluded *Red* from the Best Foreign Language Film category when a dispute arose over the film's national origins. A Polish director working with French actors just did not fly with Academy members.

Come show your support for Kieslowski's masterpiece, *Red*, which is playing this weekend in K-J Auditorium. Admission is $1.00. Showtimes are listed in the calendar on page 17.

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Applications are available in the Admission Office. If you have questions, please call x4421.

Orchestra prepares for fall semester

By Jenny Jefferson '00
A&E WRITER

Every Tuesday and Thursday evening, from 7:00 to 8:30, the Hamilton College Orchestra can be found rehearsing at Wellin Hall. This semester the group will be studying and performing Jean Sebelius's *Finlandia,* Beethoven's Sixth Symphony, Ballet Music from Franz Schubert's *Rosamunde*, and a fourth piece that has yet to be announced.

The Ballet Music has been selected in preparation for the celebration of the Schubert festival next spring, which will commemorate the 200th birthday. This is a challenging repertoire, but one that is certainly possible for such a talented and diverse group.

This season's orchestra consists of 63musicians, 23 of whom are first years and seven of whom are outside community members. Unlike many college and university orchestras, Hamilton's orchestra contains only a handful of music majors. Michael Richards, orchestra conductor, asserted that the students bring to the music a broad array of backgrounds and outlooks from their studies of various disciplines. Richards said that this leads to a "depth of understanding" within the group. Whether or not these students plan a career in music, playing with the ensemble makes them more well-rounded, and in turn adds balance to the orchestra.

SPECTATOR ARCHIVE PHOTO

The Hamilton Orchestra in rehearsal.

The talents of this hardworking group will be showcased several times throughout the year. Along with several other campus musical groups, including Choir, Brass Choir, and Jazz Ensemble, the orchestra will perform on November 2nd, during Parents Weekend. The first full concert of the orchestra will take place on Tuesday, December 10th.

These concerts are free, and students, faculty, parents and community members are all encouraged to attend.

MOVIES IN REVIEW

Spitfire Grill

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Courtesy Hoyt's Sangertown 8
Sangertown Square Mall

By Kathy Hess '99
EDITORIAL CARTOONIST

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Allison Elliot, Marcia Gay Harden and Ellen Burstyn star in the lackluster *Spitfire Grill.*

Spitfire Grill has been done before, and better too. It is a fairly traditional drama about two women in a small town who have really twisted pasts that make them seemingly unlovable. When these women come together they realize how similar they really are and how much they have to learn from each other. The audience is left to try to figure out all the missing pieces of the plot.

Perchance (called Percy) is a woman with a past and a horribly bad subtle meaning in her name. She is let out of the gentlest prison the movies have ever produced, with her few belongings in a paper box. Like most female heroines in current movies, she is very interested in literature and the beauty of nature. Percy travels to Gilliam, Maine.

Gilliam is a town that Percy idealizes, and she is sure being in the town will help her wipe away the problems of her past. She is given a job and home at the Spitfire Grill, owned and operated by Hanna, a woman who is stubborn, old, wise, and grumpy. Apparently the people of Gilliam haven't had any spirit (even the church closed down) since Hanna's son Eli, all-American boy, went missing in the Vietnam War.

As with all feel good movies, the people have hearts of gold. Even the villain, Hanna's nephew, who is sure that Percy is no good for his aunt or for his wife, comes clean in the end. Percy inadvertently changes the town of Gilliam by helping them to discover the beauty of their village and lives again. She does this partially by giving Hanna the idea to have an essay contest to auction Spitfire Grill.

By reading the wonderful essays people write about romantic small town life, the people of Gilliam begin to appreciate the great place they live in again. Hanna wanted to sell the Grill since she lost her son. Eli didn't die, he became a hermit no one knew about, in the mountains behind Hanna's home. Hanna left food out for him, but never saw her son. Percy finds out about Eli and befriends him.

Spitfire Grill's problems start with a bunch of unanswered questions. First of all, Percy is made to seem so lovable that her crime, when finally explained, is completely implausible and never completely clear. Percy is also not the spark that the movie implies. She doesn't really do anything that great to cause such a big change in the town, the people do that themselves. Any stranger would have been able to do the same.

Eli, the mountain man, is a complete mystery. One day he was in Vietnam, the next day he was in the mountains, no one saw him get there and no one saw him live there during the next twenty some years.

Boo Radley from *To Kill a Mockingbird* is the character that Eli is striving to be, but he falls short. Like most of the characters in the movie, he is missing that little bit of personality that would make him real. You get the feeling at the end of the movie that the ghosts of the town have been brought into the open and settled. They forgot to film those scenes apparently, or keep them in the film.

The climax is watered down and strongly resembles the end of a bad sitcom. The movie remembers what it is supposed to establish emotionally but forgets to make the situations it creates plausible.

The movie isn't terrible, but for the type of movie it is, it has a lot of predecessors which are much more worthwhile. The town is beautiful, the scenery is absolutely breathtaking. Percy is likable enough, as is Hanna. The movie has the appropriate number of tear jerking moments.

Overall, it would probably be considered a "woman's movie," a drama which pulls at the emotions and celebrates domestic qualities. For the same emotional lift with fewer unanswered questions at the end; rent the movies from the past that this one would like to be such as *To Kill a Mockingbird, Fried Green Tomatoes, Steel Magnolias.*

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of September 13-19

Forseen By Dr. Wonka
A&E ASTROLOGER

Virgo
(August 23-September 22)

Look out!! Beware. For tonight is the night you shall fly off the seat of your pants and hit the jackpot.
Valuable Necessity: Gold Bond Powder.

Libra
(September 23-October 22)

Venture out and take that journey of the unexpected. Do not do this alone. Perhaps a blind date is your best bet.
Action Animal: The Teddy Bear

Scorpio
(October 23-November 22)

Don't fret–those fire alarms will come to a halt, eventually. But just in case, bundle up and look both ways before crossing the street.
Best Method of Transportation: The Jitney

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 22)

There's money in your future. Take some financial risks. Share your fortunes with others and take them out for a real meal.
Top Choice: Big Al's

Capricorn
(December 23-January 22)

Seek solace outside your dorm. Try the 17th green at Oakland Hills Country Club. Count all the strokes.
Lucky Love Lyric: "Did I disappoint you or leave a bad taste in your mouth?"–U2

Aquarius
(January 23-February 18)

Tired of classes? Go jump on that wild horse and take the ride of your life. Hold on to those reins though, it may get a bit bumpy.
Purchase of the Day: A helmet.

Pisces
(February 19-March 20)

Don't work so hard. Your compulsive habits tire others out. Have a cool weekend, and wear cowboy boots on Tuesday. Come Wednesday, you'll be the talk of the entire campus.
Word of the Week: Wicked

Aries
(March 21-April 19)

Keep your eyes on those stars, and get your head out of the gutter. If she only knew, your mother would be ashamed. Show some respect.
Bit of advice: Stay off the phone.

Taurus
(April 20-May 20)

You're closer then you think. What seems like eternity is only moments away. Keep sight of your dreams, and stay in touch with your inner feelings.
Remember: We are here if you need us.

Gemini
(May 21-June 20)

You are admired from afar. One day your wildest fantasy will come true, in more ways then one. Hang in there kiddo, we love you.
Something to talk about: That awesome bartender.

Cancer
(June 21-July 22)

Watch out for the wild one! Keep a clean conscience and mind, but don't be afraid to lose control.
Caution: Flannel sheets and naked 90 year-olds.

Leo
(July 23-August 22)

Roar like a lion! It's your last chance; it's now or never. Move the mountains before it's too late.
Favorite pastime: Singing in the shower.

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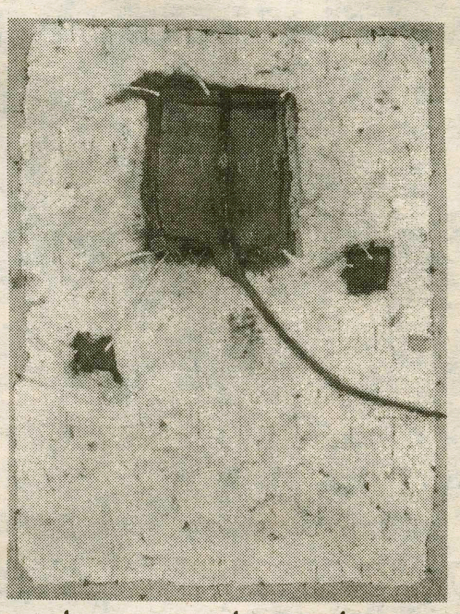

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LECTURES

Monday: "How to Become an Indispensable Employee in a Disposable World", part of the Wellness Seminar Series. This lecture will be given in the KJ Red Pit by Alexandra Bennett at 7:30 pm.

Tuesday: Conversations with President Gene Tobin at 9:30 am on the Porch in Beinecke Village.

Tuesday: A Senior Starter, sponsored by the Career Center will be held in the Science Auditorium at 7 pm.

Thursday: A Lecture/ Demonstration will be given by Karen Finley, Performance Artist, at 4:30 pm in Minor Theater.

Thursday: "How to Help a Friend with an Eating Problem", part of the Wellness Seminar Series. This lecture will be given by Jan Fisher, M.A. in the KJ Red Pit at 7:30 pm.

FILM

Red: This is the final film in Krzysztof Kieslowski's "Three Colors" trilogy, which includes *Blue* and *White*. A fashion model meets an embittered judge and enters his secret world. Set in Geneva, this Oscar-winning film also details several intertwining lives. Sponsored by the Foreign and Fine Film Society, *Red* will play Friday and Sunday in the KJ Auditorium at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 10 pm.

Red star Irene Jacob

ARTS

Exhibition: "Aerial Perspectives and Paintings by Burt Hasen." will run in the Emerson Gallery until October 27.

Exhibition: "War and Peace: Russia in the Age of the Napoleonic Invasions" runs September 14 through October 27 in the Emerson Gallery.

Saturday: There will be an Opening Reception for Exhibitions in the Emerson Gallery from 4 pm to 6 pm.

CHECK IT OUT

Friday: Final day of the Poster Sale! Browse through the hundreds of posters on Martins Way from 8 am to 5 pm (Rain site: Beinecke Vending Area)

Saturday: Casino Night, sponsored by CAB, will be held in the Events Barn at 8 pm. This is your chance to win prizes and play games like Black Jack, Roulette, and Craps for free! Celebrity dealers and operators will be there.

FULL WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE http://www.hamilton.edu/html/news/

MOVIES

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13 - SEPTEMBER 19

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Rich Man's Wife	7:20, 9:45	**Bogus**	7:05, 9:40
Bulletproof	7:10, 9:20	**A Very Brady Sequel**	1:20
Spitfire Grill	6:45, 9:25	**A Time To Kill**	3:25, 6:35
First Kid	6:50, 9:10	**The Crow 2: City of Angels**	
Tin Cup	6:40, 9:40		9:50

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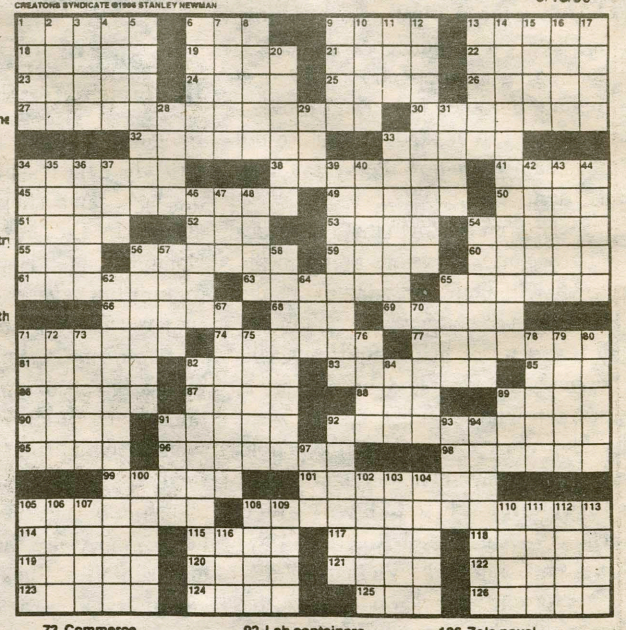

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68 Jolson and Jarreau
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71 *Father Knows Best* daughter
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'Can we watch the hockey game?'-The World Cup of Hockey

By Matt Flynn '00
and Jamie Wilson '00
sports writers

The unfamiliar eyes turn to look at me as I walk into the common room on the lower floor of South Dormitory. On the screen, Sandra Bullock flails impassionately on the roof of a car. I survey the room, and judge from the absence of necks that this is a sport watching crowd. It must be halftime. "You guys watchin' the game?," I ask.

"Of course... it's Sunday." Realizing the absurdity of my question, I decided to rephrase it.

"You guys watchin' the *hockey* game?"

Silence.

Somewhat dismayed, I take that as my cue to exit.

The hockey game I was referring to was the World Cup Semifinal match between U.S.A and Russia - a game to decide who would meet Canada in this, the finals of the most prestigious hockey tournament in the world. What's that you say? You've never heard of the "World Cup of Hockey?" Let us explain.

The World Cup of Hockey, formerly known as the Canada Cup, can be traced back to 1972, when the stars of the NHL faced off against amateur players from the former Soviet Union in an eight game tournament. In 1972, most people did not give the Soviets much of a chance of beating the NHL's finest, but the series turned into one of Canada's most intense sports moments, which ended with Paul Henderson scoring a last minute, tournament-winning goal. An international rivalry was born. Since 1972, the Canada Cup grew to accommodate other international teams, and it was played every four years in Canada. This year the tournament was renamed to the World Cup of Hockey in an effort to increase the NHL's stake in foreign markets.

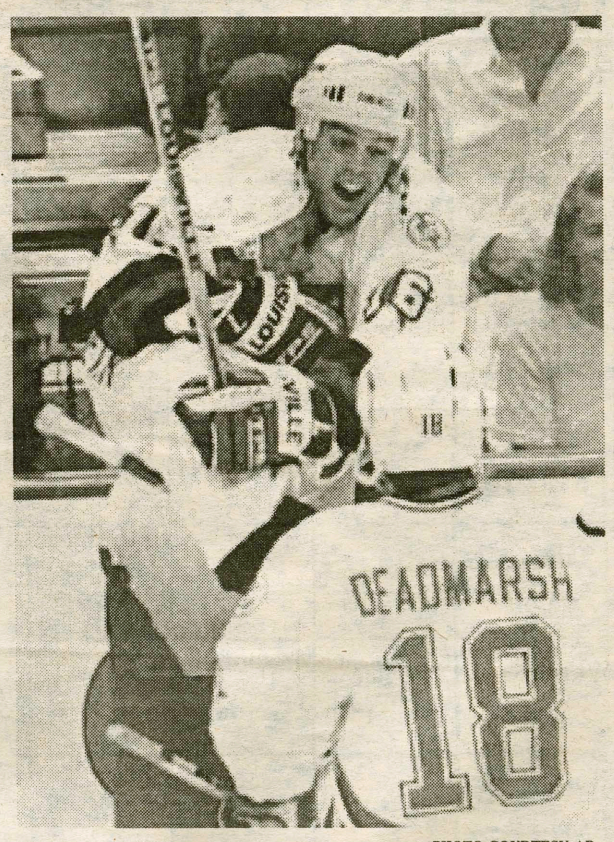
Canada has dominated the tournament in years past, winning gold in 1976, 1981, 1984, 1987 and 1991. This year, Canada has another strong team with a great deal of depth. Future hall-of-famers Wayne Gretzky, Mark Messier, and Paul Coffey provide the savvy and leadership on a team that boasts ten of the NHL's top 30 scorers (a statistic that is especially impressive if you consider that both Paul Koriya and Mario Lemieux have been scratched from the lineup). Where Team Russia plays Andrei Nikolishin (51 points last year), Canada offers Theoren Fleury (112 points for Calgary).

But if the Canucks plan to win this tournament, they will have to deal with the new and improved American team. The U.S has been by far the most impressive team in this years tournament, led by the scoring of Canadian-born sniper Brett Hull. Hull, who had four points in the U.S's 5-3 victory over Canada in round robin play, is joined by Pat LaFontaine, Mike Modano, Jeremy Roenick and the underrated Doug Weight. Furthermore, the U.S defense is quite simply the strongest in the tournament. Three-time Norris trophy winner Chris Chelios, and 1992 winner Brian Leetch have led a defense that has been absolutely dominant. In goal, the U.S have been backstopped by Vezina trophy winners Jim Carey and Mike Richter. Hamilton alum Guy Hebert has been playing third string. It is a team which features a strong mix of talent that is on par with the Canadian team.

But, the secret of the U.S teams success lies in its team concept. Of all the teams in the tournament, the U.S has been the most unified and (it would appear) best coached team. The Americans play a "team" game, as exemplified by the use of the neutral zone trap - a system used by New Jersey in '95, and Florida in '96 - that allows the U.S to slow down the quicker offenses of Sweden, Canada, and Russia. Like the New Jersey and Florida teams, this U.S team is filled with a patriotic desire not seen on American rinks since the fateful upset of Russia in 1980.

So the stage was set, and although barely anyone around here noticed, the drama was high. U.S.A versus Canada, the battle of 1812 revisited, the young upsurgents against their older masters. Several questions filled my head as I watched the two teams take the ice in Philedalphia on Tuesday night, Was Gretzky washed up? Would Canada be upset in this best of three series? Where was my Pizza?

The first period opened with fierce checking from both sides. At first the Canadians seemed disorganized - still battered from their double overtime defeat of Sweden on Sunday - and the game remained scoreless until... In the second period, two goals by Dallas defenseman Darren Hatcher put the U.S ahead 2-1, and gave the world a glimpse of the "new" team U.S.A - a team characterized by uncanny zest and stellar determination.



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Pat LaFontaine celebrates a semifinal goal.

But the third period was all Canada. Goals from Theoren Fleury and Claude Lemieux put Canada ahead once again. The American team appeared to be outpowered by the stronger Canadian side. But this new spirit would not be denied. With a mere six seconds remaining in the game the U.S scored off a faceoff deep in the Canadian zone. This puppy was going to overtime.

Tension in the South common room was high. Game 1 of the World Cup finals was going into extra-innings. Who would prevail in this contest of nations? Who would trample the 49th parallel? Chants of "U-S-A" echoed from the room. Flags waved. You could smell the apple pie.

But it was not to be on this night. A fluky shot by Steve Yzerman halfway through the overtime period decided a contest that, up until then, had been a hockey classic. The Canucks went wild, and the city of brotherly love fell silent...for now.

Canada takes a 1-0 lead in this best-of-three series that continues in Montreal on Thursday night. New questions will inevitably arise, and just as inevitably, new answers will come.

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This Week In Hamilton Sports

Go Conts!	Field Hockey	Men's Soccer	Women's Soccer	Volley Ball	Women's Tennis	Cross Country	Golf
Friday Sept 13	William Smith 4 pm						
Saturday Sept 14	Rochester 2 pm			Alfred & Hartwick noon	Nazareth noon	Union & Hartwick 11 am	Middlebury Tournament 1 pm
Sunday Sept 15					William Smith noon		
Monday Sept 16							
Tuesday Sept 17			Oswego 4 pm				
Wednesday Sept 18	Union 4:30 pm	Union 4 pm		Hartwick 7 pm	Union 3 pm		Skidmore Tournament 10 am
Thursday Sept 19							
Friday Sept 20							

Indicates Home Game

Indicates Away Game

Philosophy, Americana, Monday Night Football

Tim Booth
The Absurd Truth

Sometimes it is easy to forget where you came from. There are so many things that take our attention away from this simple, but important, detail. Once a week you can kick back, grab a beer, and indulge in a little Americana. I'm talking Dan Dierdorf surrounded by red, white, and blue; computer animated jet planes flying around the screen blowing things up; and Hank Williams Jr., or as I like to call him "Bocephus", singing and driving a cadillac. Just like Mark Twain and apple pie, Monday Night Football reminds us, sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worse, that we are Americans.

On one hand, the dramatic sendoff for Monday Night Football is a preposterous collection of propaganda designed to suck us in and pump us up for some pigskin. On the other hand - we love it. For one night a week America can forget about the worries and realities of life and partake in a little mindless vegetation. Our population has responded by making Monday Night Football the most watched show in television history for the last 26 years.

Last week's game had all of the dramatic ingredients of a classic. The Philadelphia Eagles were pitted against the Green Bay Packers in an intriguing matchup of two huge surprises from last season. The Eagles, a team of castoffs and supposed delinquents, humiliated the Detroit Lions in the playoffs before losing to the Dallas Cowboys. The Packers also grabbed the country's attention by soundly defeating perennial contenders San Francisco and then coming one quarter away from victory over the Cowboys and a trip to the Super Bowl. Ray Rhodes from the Eagles was named Coach of the Year and Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre was selected as the league's Most Valuable Player.

In the off-season, Favre shocked the country by publicly disclosing his lengthy struggle with addiction to pain killers and alcohol.

Here's a guy who grew up in small town Louisiana, was a Louisiana high school hero, and rejected offers from powerhouse football schools in order to stay at home and attend Southwest Louisiana State University. He was then drafted by Green Bay out of college. The young man with the thick southern drawl and an arm as spicy as the Louisiana Cajun cooking was headed for Wisconsin. The Packers immediately fell in love with the fearless young quarterback. At times he was erratic, but there was never a dull moment when Favre had the ball. Sterling Sharpe, a former Green Bay wide receiver, broke the NFL record for receptions in a season mainly because Favre hit him in the numbers on almost every pass. When he wasn't throwing, he was running around and diving over 300 pound defensive ends. Brett Favre came to represent the toughness and physical sacrifice that embodies football, and America took notice.

This Cajun quarterback, surrounded by cheeseheads and snow, surprised everyone by admitting his substance dependency. Favre forced people to start asking the questions: "How does an NFL player survive a season? Are pain killers and adrenaline shots the only way players can compete every week?" These questions will probably never be answered for the Lazy Boy fan, but you can bet that people are going to be watching Favre like a scientific experiment.

All of this (plus one mean, pissed off Reggie White pretending Ricky "I'm the Man" Waters burned down his church) intertwined for a potential Monday Night battle. Favre, though, had something to prove to America. After 261 passing yards and 3 touchdowns, the final score was Green Bay 39 - Philadelphia 13, and it could have been a lot worse. Favre is back. He's happy, he's healthy, he's sober, and he's still the MVP. He has thrown seven touchdowns in two games and the Green Bay offense has scored an astounding 73 points in the same span. The Pack is for real and Brett Favre is a football legend in the making.

If you're not a football fan I urge you to turn on a TV next Monday night at 9:00 (Steelers vs. Bills). You will see a little slice of American culture. Before you analyze and judge what you are viewing, remember that there's no one else in the world that does anything remotely similar to what you are experiencing (also don't listen too attentively to the fat, stupid guy named Dierdorf). Sports metaphors can be cheesy, but don't doubt the philosophy of football. Sometimes, believe it or not, football can help you remember a little about yourself.

Brett Favre forgot that he is a just small town kid from the Bayou, but then rediscovered himself on Monday Night.

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our one and only celebrity Sports Editor, Oren Rawls, as well as their picture in *The Spectator*.

Specially Selected Sporting Events	Oren Rawls *Spectator Sports Editor*	Mark Granovsky *Associate Sports Editor*	Buzz Carobus Junior *Special Guest*	Jon Tucker Sophomore *Guest #3*	Julie Raynsford Freshman *Guest #4*
	Last Week: 10-1 To date: 10-1	Last Week: 8-3 To date: 8-3	Last Week: 7-4 To date: 7-4	Last Week's Guest: Heather Rae Obleman 7-4	Last Week's Guest: Sam Evans 4-7
NFL					
NY Jets at Miami 9/18	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami
Washington at NY Giants 9/18	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	NY Giants
Arizona at New England 9/18	New England	New England	New England	New England	Arizona
Baltimore at Houston 9/18	Baltomire	Houston	Baltimore	Baltimore	Baltimore
Detroit at Philadelphia 9/18	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphi	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Minnesota at Chicago 9/18	Chicago	Chicago	Minnesota	Chicago	Chicago
New Orleans at Cincinnatti 9/18	New Orleans	Cincinnatti	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans
San Diego at Green Bay 9/18	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	San Diego
Indianapolis at Dallas 9/18	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
Jacksonville at Oakland 9/18	Oakland	Oakland	Oaklnad	Oaklnad	Jacksonville
Kansas City at Seattle 9/18	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City
Tampa Bay at Denver 9/18	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

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Golf swings into long drive

Saber set to slice competition

SPECIAL TO THE *SPECTATOR*

The Hamilton Golf Team, looking to regain its high-ranking in Division III golf, opened its season last weekend against a field of largely Division I teams in the Cornell-Colgate Invitational.

All of last year's players return for the 1996-97 season, including All-District senior Mike Saber, the winner of two conference championships and the New England District Championship last season, as well as one of five individuals in the nation who received at-large bids to the NCAA Division III Championship last spring.

The Continentals opened their season with a solid showing, finishing eleventh in a strong field of nineteen teams. Lehigh won the tournament championship by a narrow margin over second place Skidmore, which once again is a top contender for the Division III national championship.

Mike Saber led Hamilton with scores of 80-79, which placed him 20th in the field of nearly 100 players, well behind Lehigh's Henry D'Alberto, whose superb scores of 70-70 at the extremely difficult Cornell and Colgate golf courses led the field. Sophomores Matt Miller (79-84) and Jonathan Cornwell (84-80), junior John Whitwell (86-83), and Senior Jim Gillies (84-82) all shot competitive, while Brian Richetti '99, playing as an individual contestant, also showed promise with scores of 81-84.

The Continentals return to action this weekend at Middlebury's Duke Nelson Invitational, which brings together the top Division III squads in New England.

Among the other returning players who are expected to contend for starting positions are letter winners Andrew Begley and Darren Fuller, as well as Adam Sichol, who is recovering from an injury, and Brett Geruntino '99. First year players who have shown promise include Terry Bevan, Matt Vivyan, and Cory Guiroux, while Jeff Peters and John Rhoades are also expected to contribute as they gain competitive experience.

According to Coach Simon, the team has in Mike Saber one of the best players in the region, and a core of veterans who have the potential to play fine golf. The team demonstrated its ability to play solid golf at the Cornell-Colgate Tournament, but now needs to produce some low numbers to establish itself as a strong contender for Division III honors.

Coach Cotter joins Blue Crew

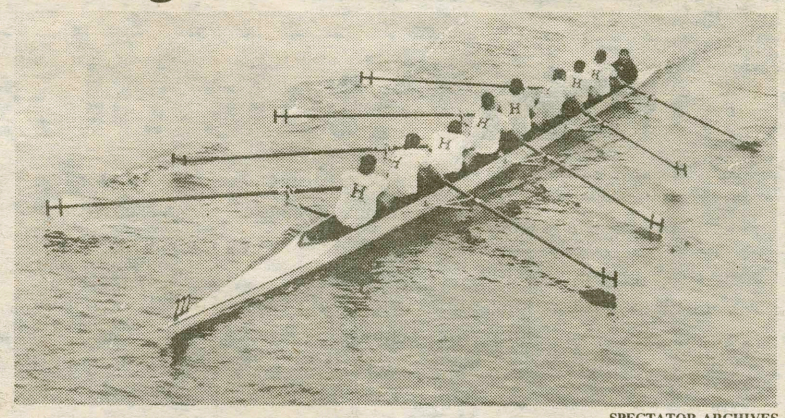
BY FELICIA HOLTZMAN '00
SPORTS WRITER

Since it was founded as a club sport in 1983, interest in crew has rapidly increased each year at Hamilton . Regardless of the 70 people who rowed last season, the crew team never even had a coach. This fall Coach Kevin Cotter will join the team, hoping to provide some strength and direction for the rowers.

Although the crew team participated in last spring's New York State Championship, they did not fair too well. At the event, which took place on Delta Lake in Rome New York, the team wrapped up the season with the largest group of rowers in Hamilton history, but without any significant accomplishments.

Can Coach Cotter and the 50 new faces change Hamilton Crew Team's luck? Chances of success seem more likely than ever before. Over 70 rowers came out to crew's first meeting, including 40 new female faces. Coach Cotter is excited and is ready to strengthen this team. Coming from the Nichols School in Buffalo, Cotter has 16 years of rowing experience. While at the Nichols School, he coached crew for eight years, and he was involved with coaches from the U.S. Olympic and National teams.

"We have many returning varsity and lots of new people coming out this year," Cotter said. "We are looking to improve what was accomplished. It looks like we will have a strong team."



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Led by Kevin Cotter, Hamilton's first-ever crew coach, the Continental eight are poised to row into contention.

Captain Lloyd Dahmen agrees with Cotter. The mere fact that Cotter will now be there to steer the team is encouraging for Dahmen as well as the rest of the team. Having a coach takes tremendous weight off the captains and other members. Coach Cotter should enable the team to concentrate more on rowing than on coaching each other.

"It's really exciting because this is the first year we have ever had a coach," said Dahmen. "Crew started out in 1983 and we now have the biggest turn out we've ever had."

Veteran of the Crew team Charley Waterman added, regarding the team's new coach, "It'll help to have somebody who has all his focus on us. We already have more races this year." Waterman and the rest of the team are enthusiastic about Coach Cotter's previous experience in rowing and how he can help them to improve their skills.

The team trained on land throughout the first week of school. Last Saturday, the varsity boats went down to the Eerie Canal to begin rowing on the water. Early this week, the novice rowers joined their team on the water to gear up for the first race of the season on Saturday.

Saturday Hamilton Crew faces their first challenge. The season's opening race takes the team to Buffalo to compete against many schools, among them Canisius College and the University of Buffalo. Upcoming races include the Head of the Charles in Boston and the Head of the Fish in Saratoga.

Crew has many new additions this year that will be rewarding to the team. Still, as Waterman put it, "Crew is not about beating Harvard. We take pride in having the most spirited team. We cheer for every boat." With that passion and some improved skill, this year's team will have a definite chance of defeating many of their formidable opponents.

Trainers tape Conts back together

BY SCOTT SIDDON
SPECIAL TO THE *SPECTATOR*

The new academic year brings many changes to campus, and the services offered by the Athletic Training Services are no exception. In attempt to meet the rising demand for our expertise, changes have been made to the hours of operation, and the times allotted for special services. The athletic training rooms are staffed by two athletic trainers certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association. Sharon Allanson is the Head Athletic Trainer and has been at Hamilton for the last 14 years where she travels with football and men's ice hockey. Scott Siddon is starting his second year as the Assistant Athletic Trainer, traveling with men's soccer and men's basketball when available, and overseeing all home contests while Sharon is away. In addition, Ron Barnett helps in coverage of football, JV ice hockey and special events. Ron is a physical therapy aide and a New York State EMT. His help is immeasurable in allowing us to provide service for the 34 varsity and JV intercollegiate athletic teams here at Hamilton.

Perhaps the most valuable asset to the Athletic Training Staff and the athletes are our Student Athletic Trainers. Fifteen work-study students help in practice/game set-up, taping and wrapping, game and training room coverage, and administrative duties. These students learn many techniques and skills needed to keep our athletes healthy and able to participate. Many have gone on to other health-related professions after their days at Hamilton.

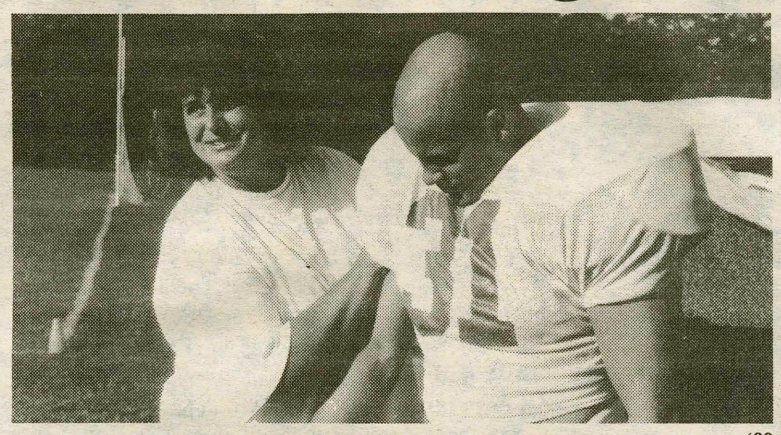

PHOTO BY JULIE LOSAURO '99

Head Athletic Trainer Sharon Allanson puts her special healing touch on linebacker Frank Loverro '98.

The Health Center Athletic Training Room, located adjacent to the Bronze Campus Map, is open from 9 AM to 1 PM Monday through Friday. Those who wish to have an injury evaluated, need to set up a long-term rehabilitation program, or just need to speak with Sharon or Scott are best served between 9 and 11:30 AM. Students on an existing rehab program or currently in a treatment regiment are the focus of the training room between 11:30 AM and 1 PM.

The Athletic Training Room, located in the basement of Alumni Gym, is open from 1 PM to 8 PM Monday through Thursday, and 1 to 7 on Friday. 1 PM to 2:30 PM is the best time for new evaluations and rehabilitation of any student or athlete. The 2:30 to 6 PM time slot is reserved for intercollegiate athletes only. This portion of the day is filled with pre-practice and game taping, strapping, bandaging, and quick ice or heat treatments before the intercollegiate athletes hit the field, turf, court, etc. Armchair athletes and the like are advised not to seek evaluations or long term rehab during these hectic hours. Between 6 and 8 PM the training room is open for post-practice or game treatments, usually some form of cryotherpy. Any standing rehabilitation or treatment regiment can be done during this time. Please set up an appointment if you are expected to complete a long-term rehabilitation program, following a surgical procedure or on the advice of your physician.

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Spectator Sports

Continentals plot to overthrow Lord Jeffs

By Mark Granovsky '98
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Continentals look towards 1996 with great anticipation. After an excellent 5-3 record during the 1996 season, Hamilton lost a mere five seniors to graduation. All is shaping up well for the season opener at Amherst College on September 21st.

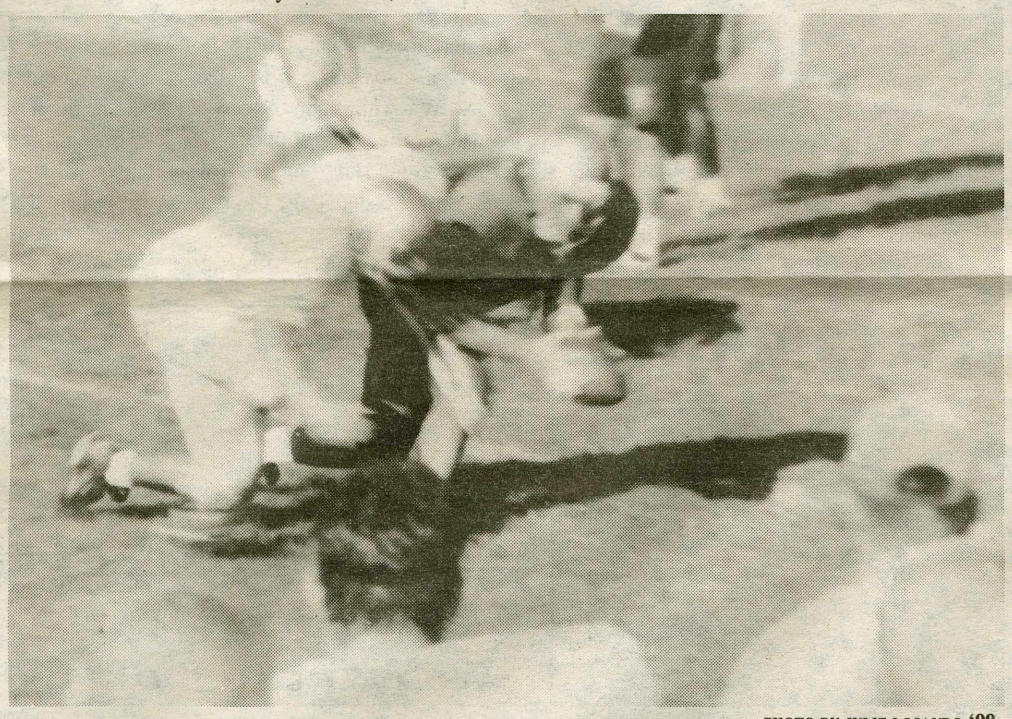
Hamilton lost the 1995 home opener to the Tufts Jumbos by a score of 35-21. The Continentals fought back from deficits of 7-0 and 21-13 respectively, to tie the game 21-21. Two fourth-quarter fumbles, however, proved the difference in the game. Quarterback Dan DeBlois '97 had an excellent outing, despite the loss, as he completed 15 of 31 passes for 207 yards and two touchdowns. Tailback Scott Milleisen '97 made 93 yards rushing on the day, while wide receiver Ben Johnson '97 added two touchdowns.

Hamilton trounced the Wesleyan Cardinals 34-3 to record the first victory of 1995. The Continentals outgained Wesleyan by a whopping 511 to 278 yards. Milleisen had a red-letter day, tying a school record with four touchdowns. However, the crucial play of the game was by defensive back Bob Nichols '97, who ran a fake punt back for 42 yards in the second quarter.

After receiving a shutout at the hands of the Trinity Bantams, Hamilton defeated the Bowdoin Polar Bears 35-13. Bowdoin entered the game with a record of 0-3, but was no match for the onslaught. The Continentals took a 21-0 lead into the second quarter, and lead 28-13 after three. In addition to four touchdowns by DeBlois, fullback Adam Hodges '97 caught eight passes for 96 yards and one touchdown, and Johnson caught six passes for 99 yards. Hamilton stood at 2-2 after four games.

While the first half of the season showed an impressive offense and solid defense, the home game against the Colby White Mules showed the material of an excellent team. Despite the jitters of Parent's weekend and torrential downpours, Hamilton won a decisive 16-10 game. Colby led 10-0 after three quarters and the game looked bleak for the Mudville (literally) Continentals. However, a 47 yard pass from DeBlois to receiver Shawn Lyons '99 narrowed the margin to 10-7. Milleisen kept the drive alive to set up the winning touchdown. The momentum of the season was short-lived, though, as Williams downed Hamilton 29-9 the following week, Hamilton hoped to get above .500 in the season.

The Continentals closed the season with a flourish, winning the last two contests of the year over Middlebury and Bates, 23-20 and 34-14, respectively. In the win over the Panthers, Hamilton scored the game-winning touchdown on a three-yard pass from DeBlois to Johnson with eight seconds left in the game. DeBlois completed 24 of 38 passes for 249 yards and two touchdowns. Milleisen led the Continentals with 187 yards rushing in the game against the Bobcats.



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Scott Milleisen '97, an All-NESCAC running back last year, leads a talent-laden Continental offense. Milleisen rushed for 865 yards on 160 carries as a junior, including a school record tying four touchdowns against Wesleyan.

DeBlois and Milleisen made All-NESCAC first team, and look to better their excellent 1995 stats. DeBlois threw for 1503 yards and eleven touchdowns last year. He also had a 53% passing percentage for the season. Milleisen made 160 carries for 865 yards, while Hodges made 41 carries for 268 yards.

The offensive line looks to be better than ever in 1996. Center Ron Mammano '97, an All-NESCAC selection, played all eight games during the 1994 and 1995 season and looks to be the leader this year. Guards include Ken Sommers '97 and Devon Darzano '97, while tackles Chris Antoni '98 and Jim Eisenberg '98 will be a formidable presence.

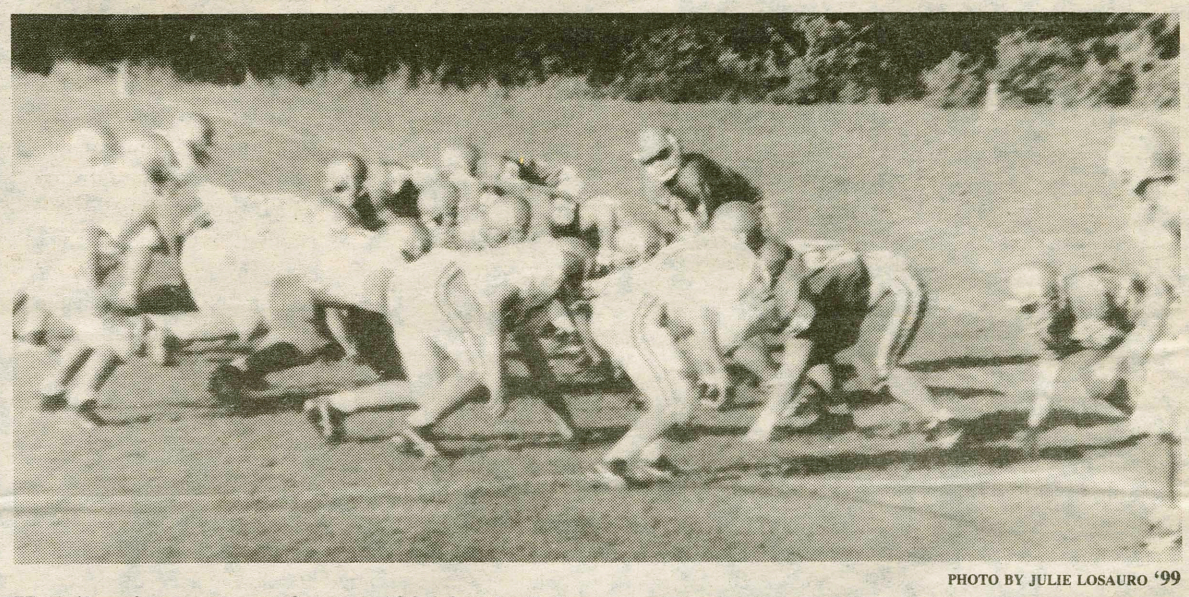
Adam Hodges '97, Ben Johnson '97, and Shawn Lyons '99 will lead the receiving corps this year. Johnson caught 29 passes with 403 yards and six touchdowns in 1995. He also scored the winning touchdown in the close win over Middlebury. Lyons caught eight passes for 122 yards, excellent for a first year receiver. However, Hodges will be the catalyst as evident by his 39 receptions and two touchdowns last year. Aaron Schwimmer '97, Paul Bopp '98, and Jason Mitchell '98 will also contribute to the offense.

The defense, which allowed only 16.3 points per game in 1995, has lost only one player to graduation. Linebacker Bob Nichols '97 had 61 total tackles (37 solo) last year, and 54 tackles in 1994. Dave Martucci '98 had 78 tackles during 1995, including 48 solo stops. Frank Loverro '98 added 68 tackles and snagged three interceptions. In the 16-10 win over Colby, Loverro was named ECAC and NESCAC Defensive Player of the Week.

Defensive end Mark Burlingame '98 was second on the Continentals with 77 tackles and added four pass break-ups. Defensive tackles Ryan Gragen '97 and Mike Velasquez '98 add more power to the line.

The defensive backfield will be made of the one-two punch of Rob Sarle '97 and Russ Zacek '97. Sarle had seven pass-break ups and 31 tackles, while Zacek recorded 38 unassisted tackles. Kyle Bennett '98, First Team All-NESCAC selection, was Hamilton's leading punt returner.

While there are questions in the Continentals kicking game, look for 1996 to be an exciting season. One of the highlights will be the "Rocking Chair Classic" against Middlebury on Parent's Weekend, November 2nd. The winner gets to keep the chair, which does not mean much to Hamilton this season. Unlike what opponents might expect, the Continentals will not be doing a lot of sitting around this year.



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Hamilton's prospects for the 1996 football season are positively buff and blue. The Conts lost only five players to graduation, and the offense boasts three returning All-NESCAC selections.

Women's tennis aims to cause racket against Nazareth

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The 1996 -97 women's tennis team has a completely different look from last year. The team looks to improve upon a solid 8-5 record last year. This year's team is extremely young, with four first-years and six sophomores. In addition, there are three starting juniors, Katy Pollock '98, Thea Underwood '98 and Nikki Wofford '98 abroad and one senior. The team lost UCAA second -team all stars, Pepper Johnson and Jane Taylor.

Anchoring this year's team in the number one slot is Mindy Bell '00, a recruit from Wisconsin whose strength not only lies in her physical skills, but her mental toughness as well. Shana Roberts '99, who compiled a respectable record(9-10) during last year's campaign, should start at the number two slot. Together, these two form a formidable number one doubles team. Taryn O' Neill '99, another gifted returning starter, with picture perfect ground strokes, will play at three. Erin Civello '99, who led the women's team in winning percentage last year (11-2), will move up two spots to number four. Emma McLaren '99, Jenny Scharfeld '99, Kristen Donofrio '00, Nicole Barnard '00, Sarah Chatterton '00, and team captain Amy Lopatin '97 are vying for the five and six spots. Bell and Roberts will start the year at first doubles, O' Neill and Scharfeld at two doubles, and Civello and Donofrio or Barnhard at the third doubles spot.

This year's squad is as deep and talented a team as Hamilton has had in years. Head coach Kelly McElroy, in her seventh year as women's tennis head coach, has expanded the team to twelve players to create such depth. McElroy describes the team as being, "young and deep one through six" and is extremely optimistic on the prospect of having a successful year. "Even though we are very young, we are good and have good leadership. We will definitely have a winning season, and will utilize more than six players."

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This fall is a busy one for the women's team, filled with matches and tournaments. Highlighting the women's tournament schedule is the Rolex tournament, held at Vassar College. Hamilton's top four players will compete. Being one of the year's top events, coach McElroy is optimistic concerning the tourney. "We'll have a strong foursome, there's no doubt we'll be competitive." Hamilton will be tested early, as the first two matches of the year are against their toughest two opponents, Nazareth and William Smith. The team also looks forward to competing in the UCAA tournament, where they finished third last fall, and the New York state tournament. The season commences Saturday with a noon match at home against Nazareth.